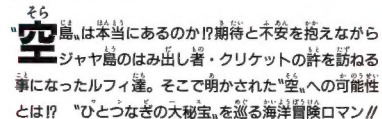




A PERSON ONCE SAID
THAT EVEN IF A MANGAKA
DIES, HIS CHARACTERS
WILL LIVE ON. IN
RESPONSE, I THOUGHT
THAT WE MANGAKA MAY
BE IN A TRULY
WONDERFUL PROFESSION.



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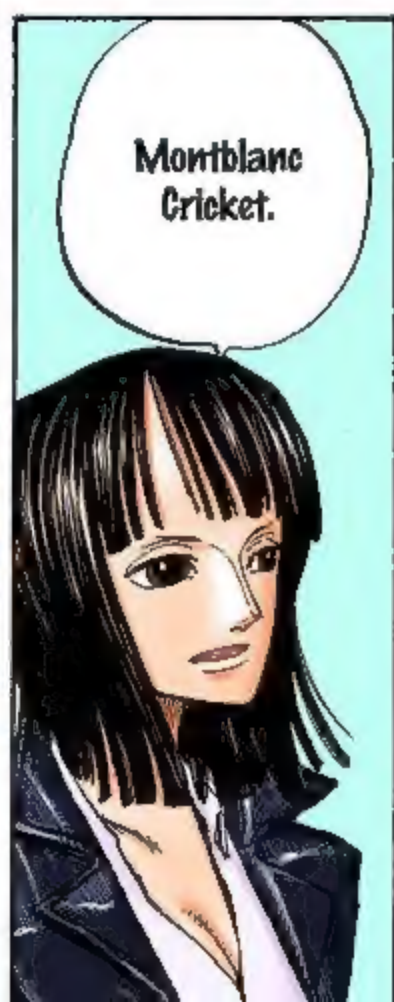
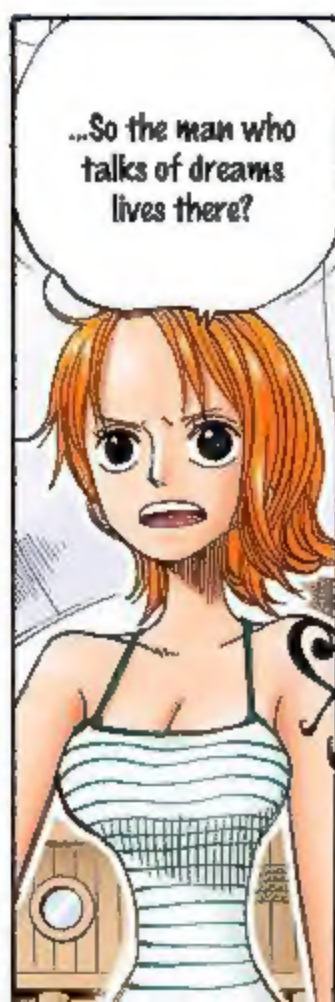
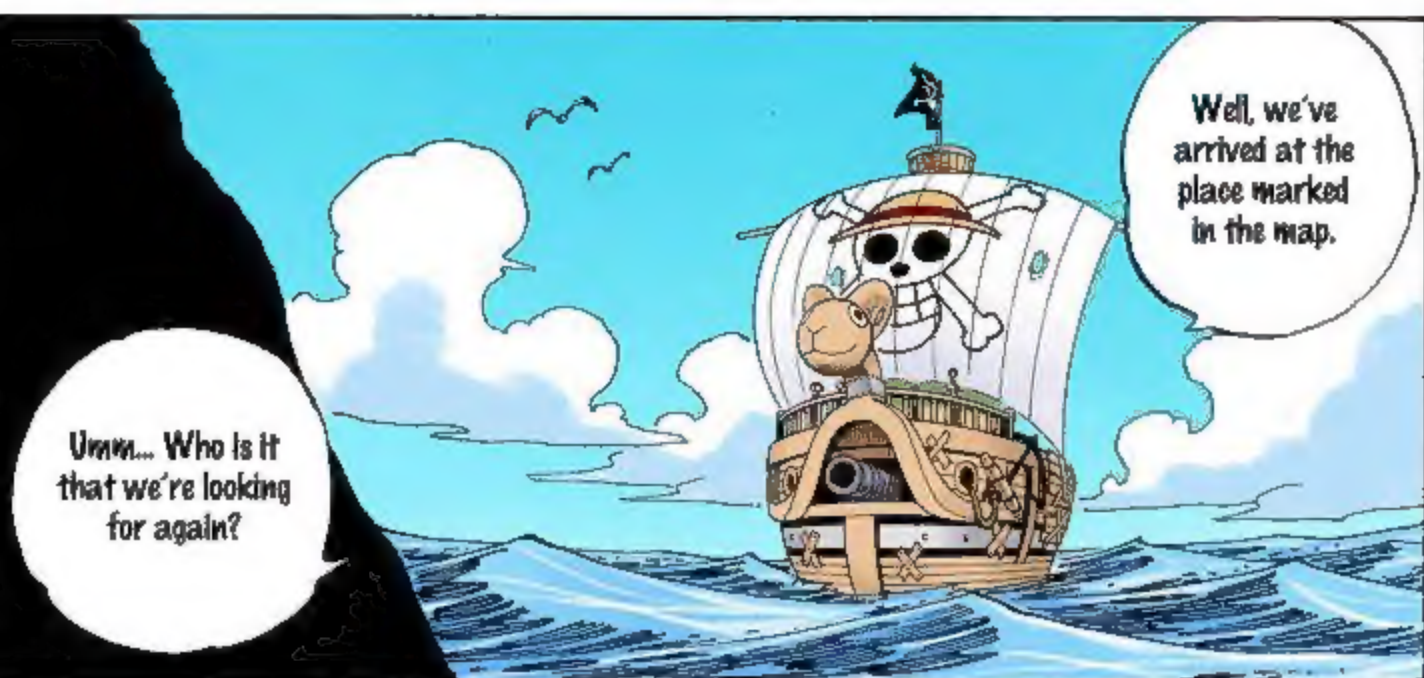
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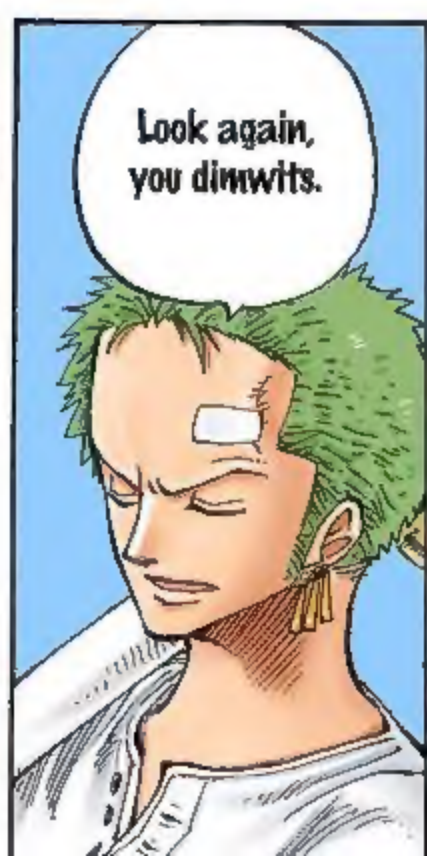
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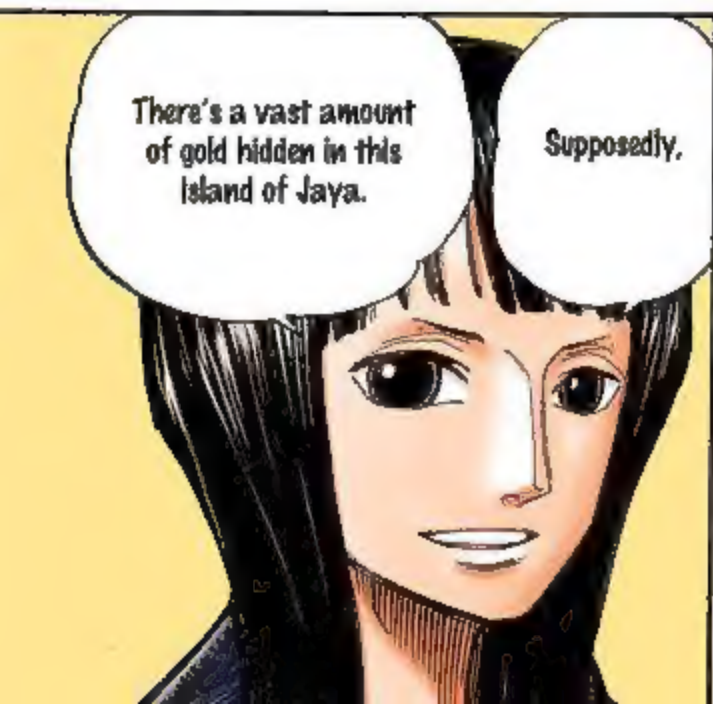
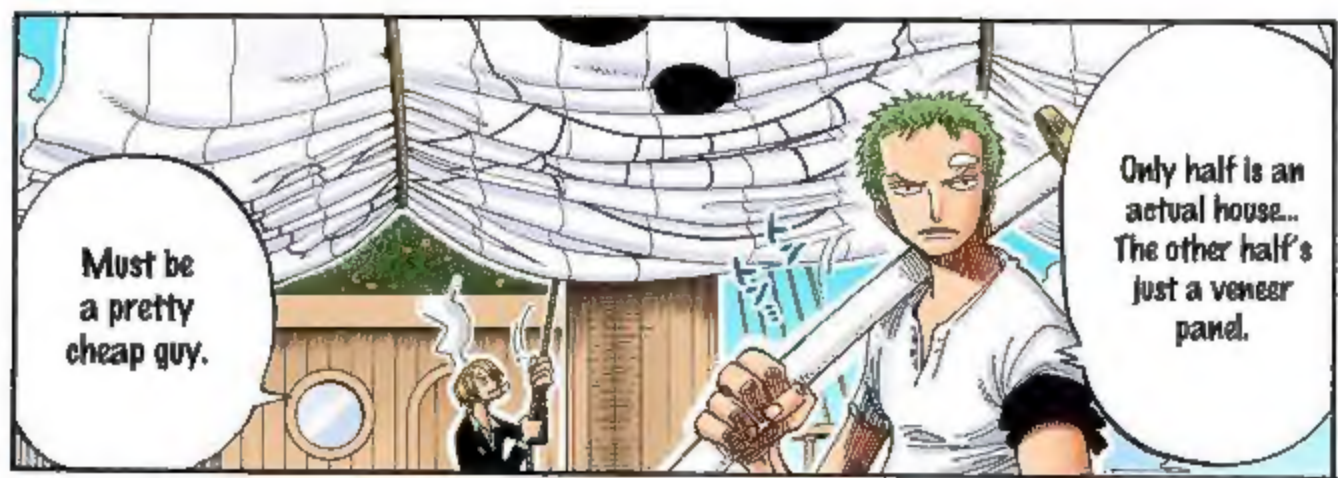
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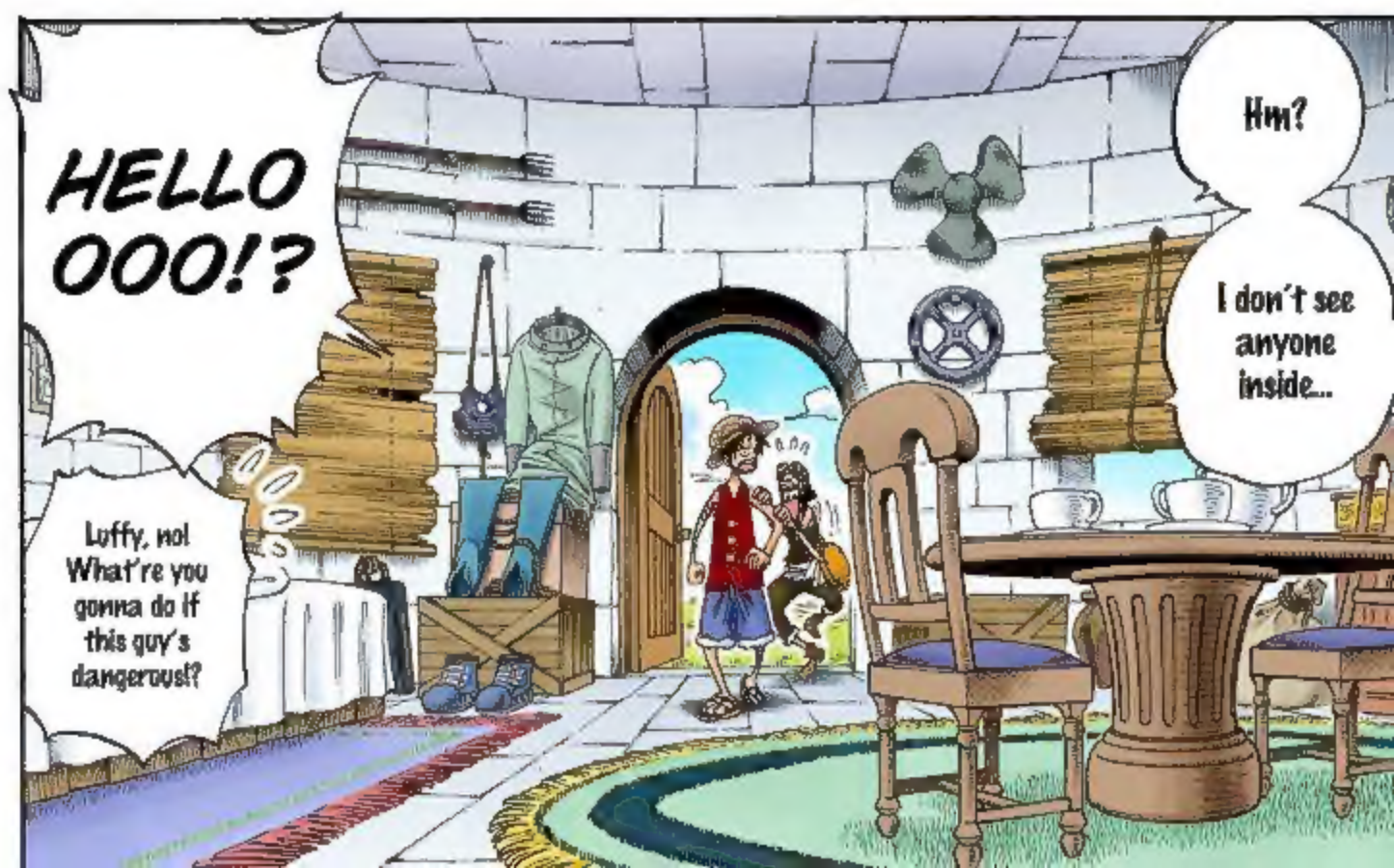


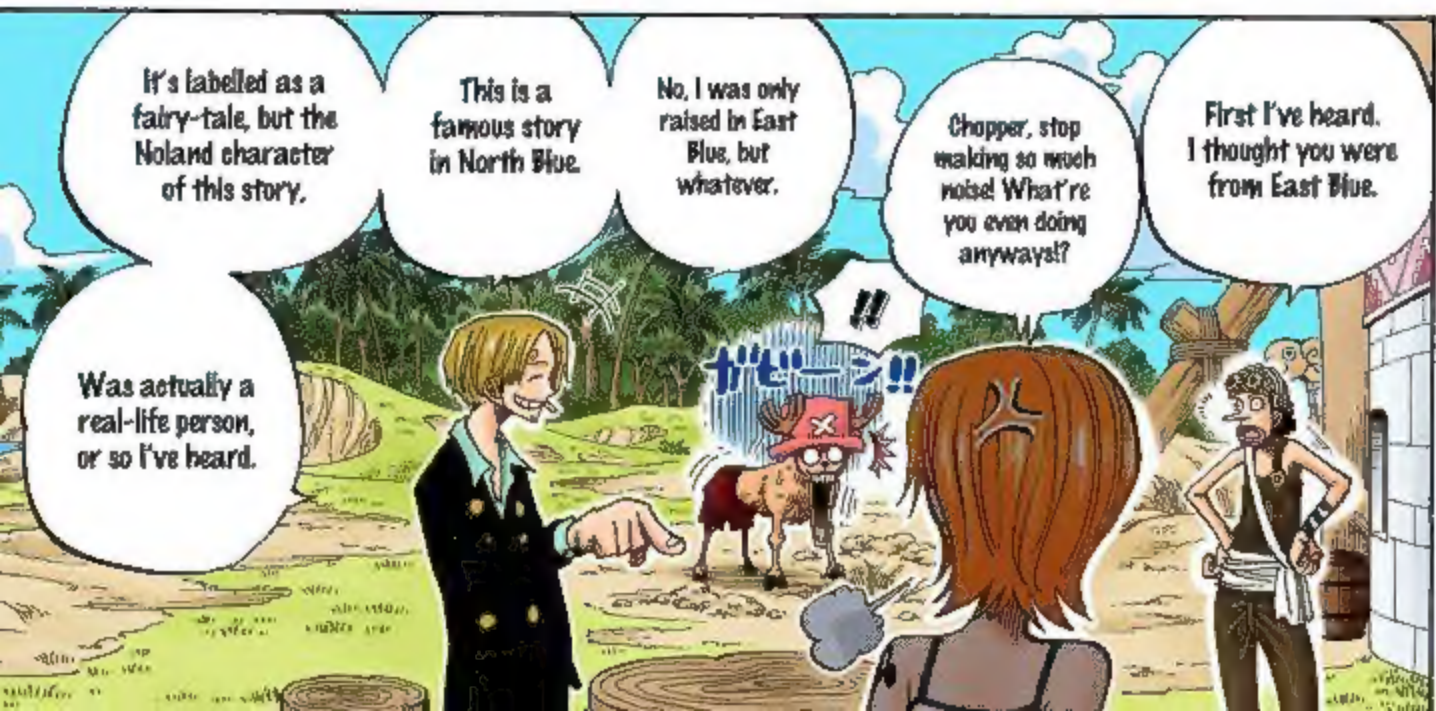
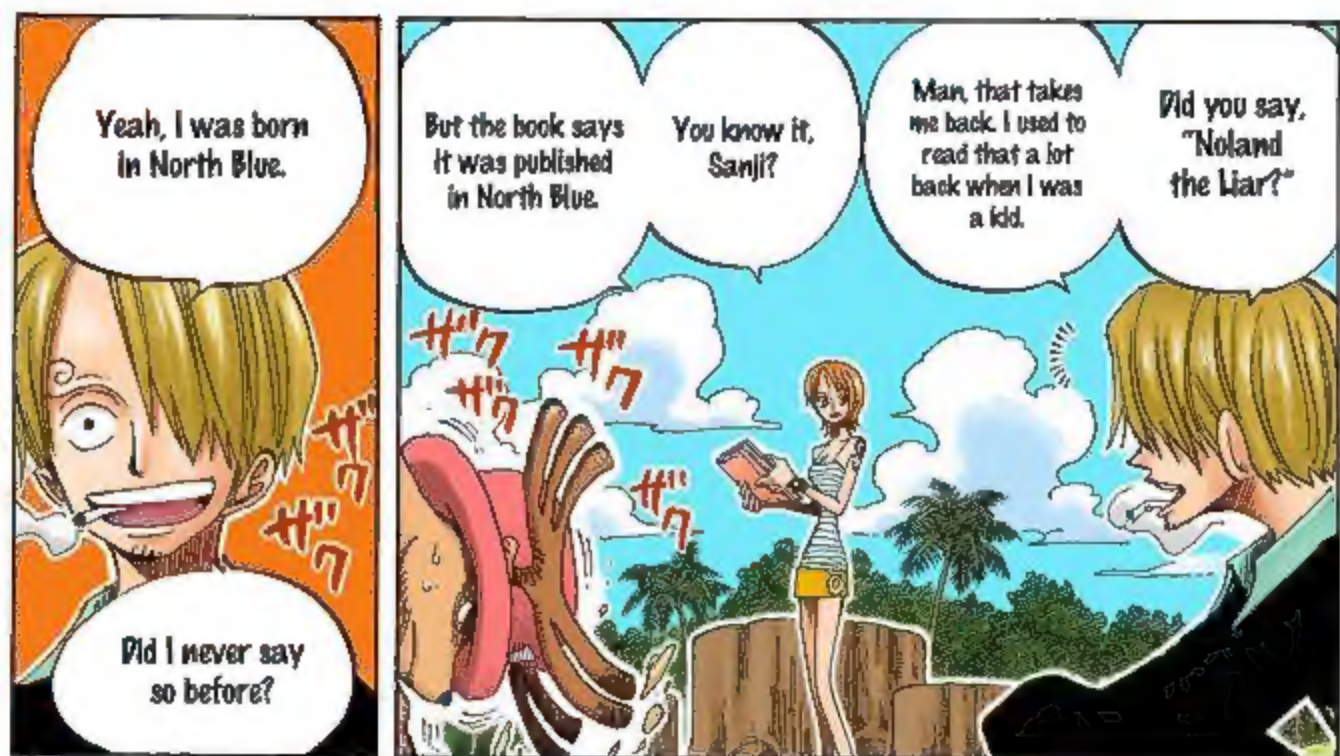
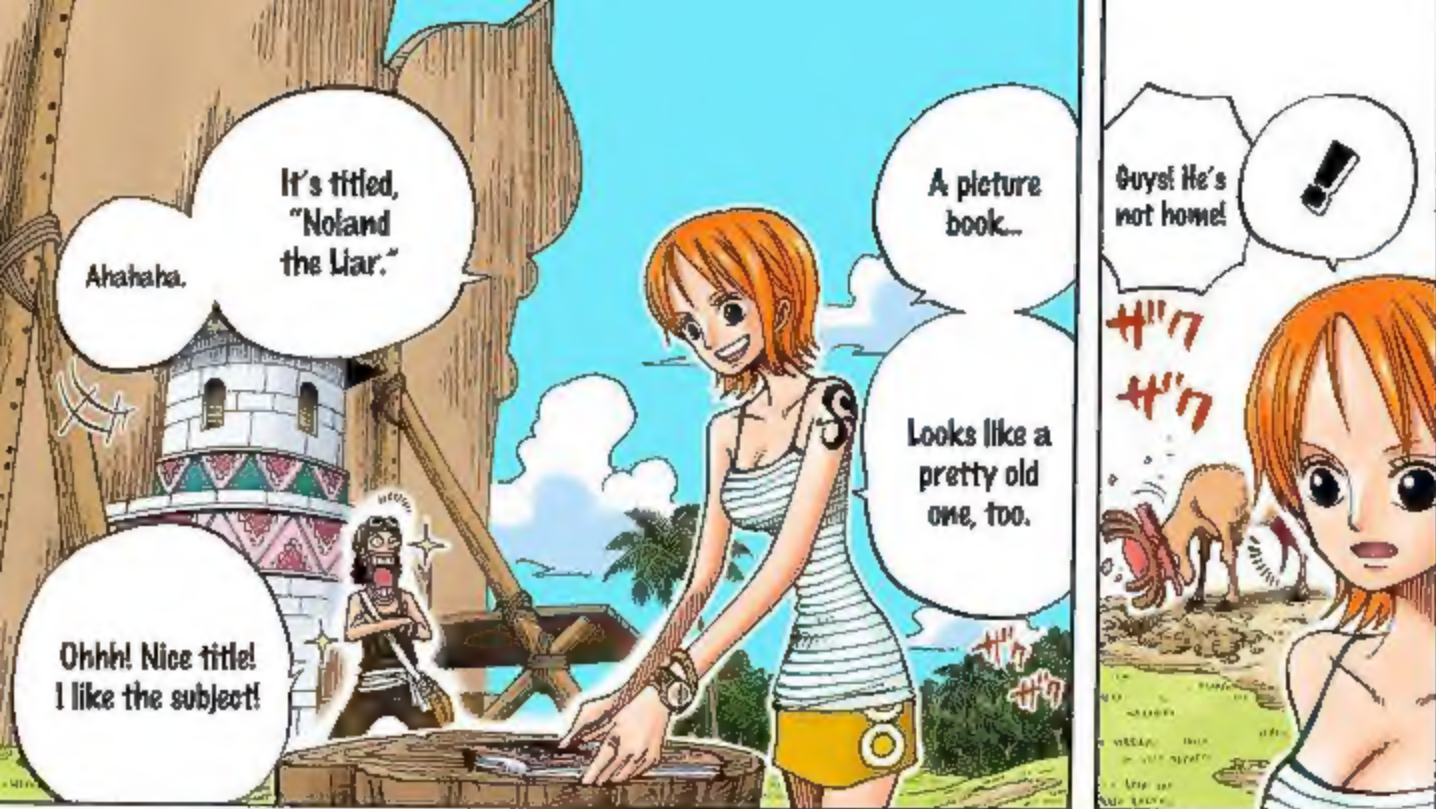
HACHI'S OCEAN FLOOR STROLL VOL. 39
"CATFISH VILLAGE EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE"













*A story from
over 400 years
from now...*

*This is a story
from long,
long ago,*

Hm...

*NOLAND THE LIAR



*There lived a
man named
Montblanc
Noland.*

*In a certain
kingdom in
North Blue,*

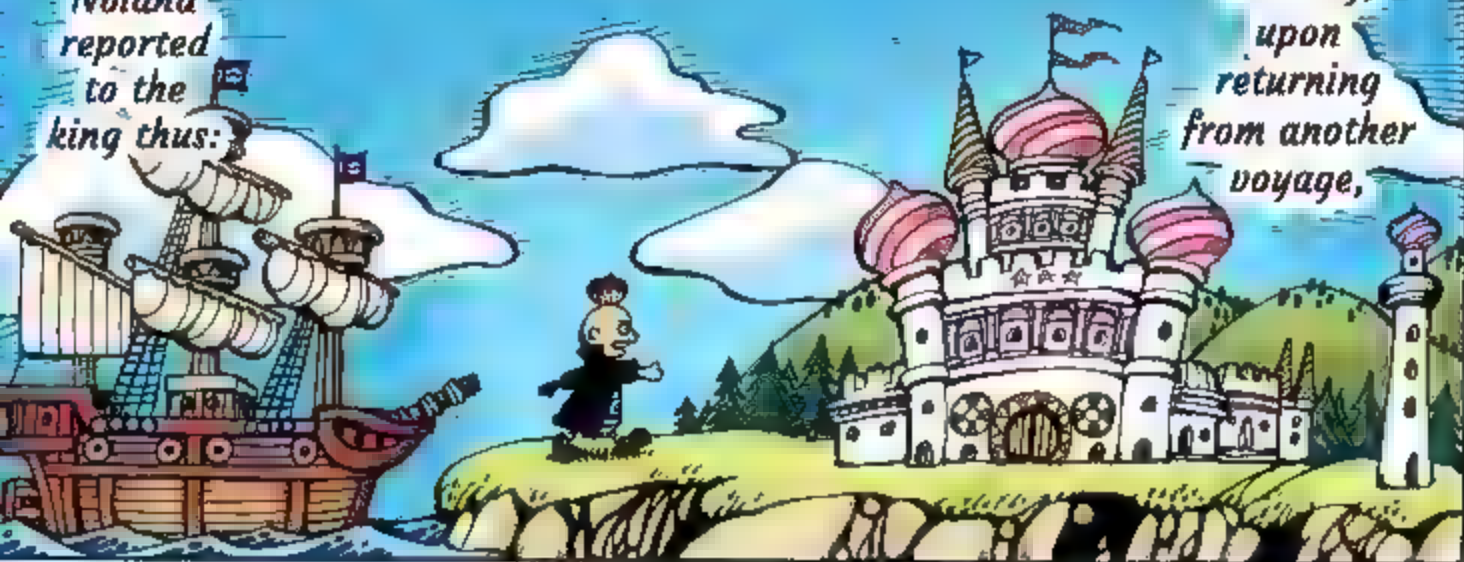


*The towns-
people had
no idea
whether
Noland's
tales were
truth or
fiction.*

*Noland the
explorer was
always speaking
of his great
adventures so
grand and
unbelievable
that they
seemed like
lies.*

Noland
reported
to the
king thus:

One day,
upon
returning
from another
voyage,



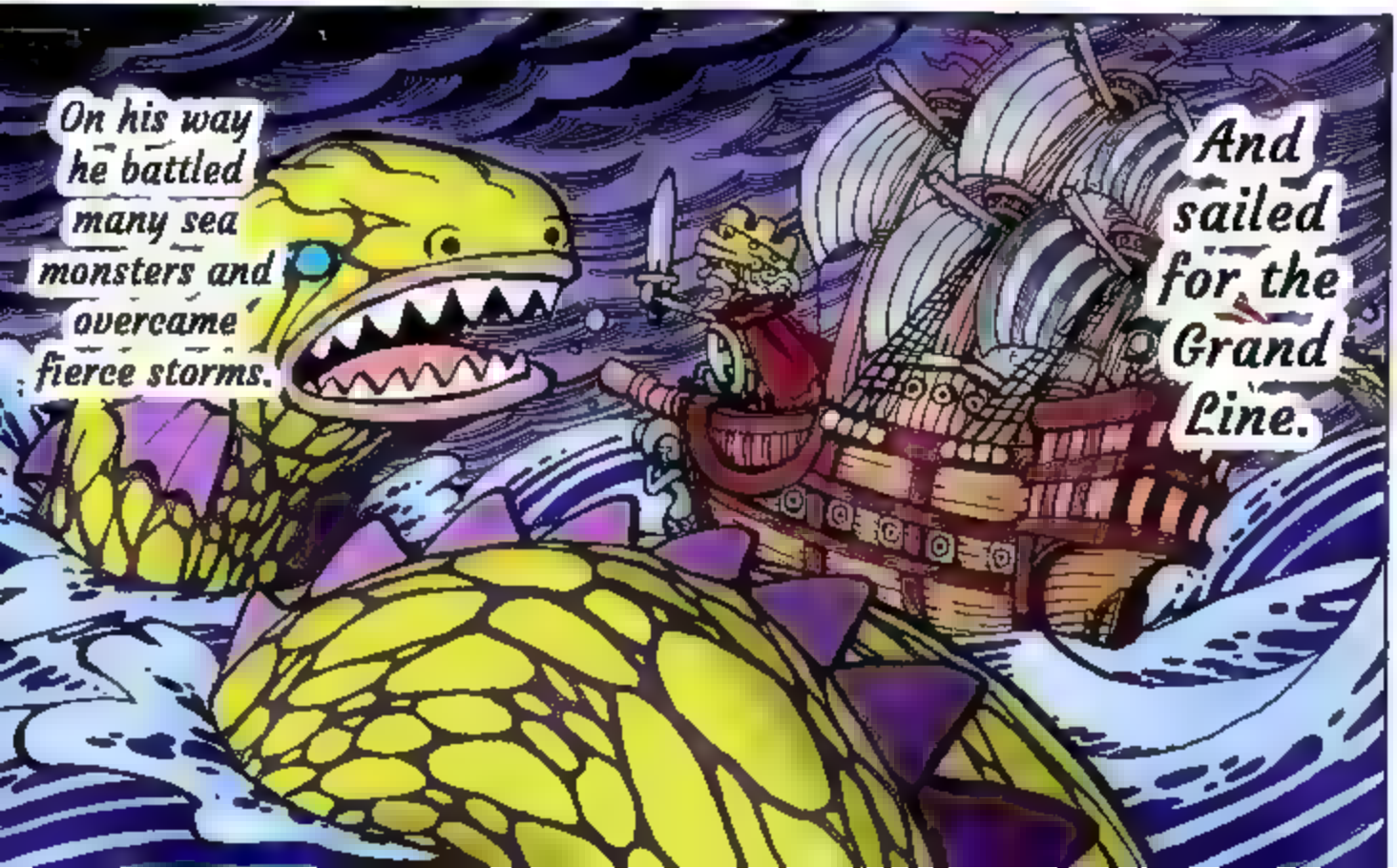
To verify
Noland's
claim, the
brave king
took 2000
soldiers
with him,

On an island
in the Grand
Line, there is
a pile of
gold stacked
as high
as the
mountains.



On his way
he battled
many sea
monsters and
overcame
fierce storms.

And
sailed
for the
Grand
Line.



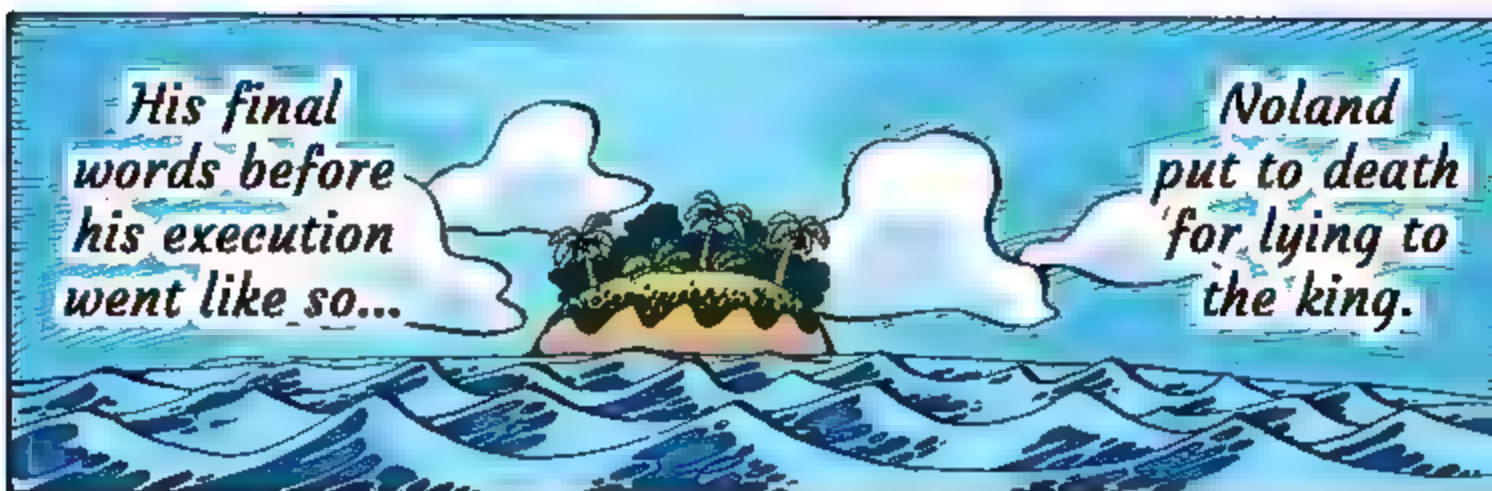
But facing
before the
king was
only a
jungle.

By the time
the king arrived
at the island,
he only had
100 soldiers
remaining.



His final
words before
his execution
went like so...

Noland
put to death
for lying to
the king.

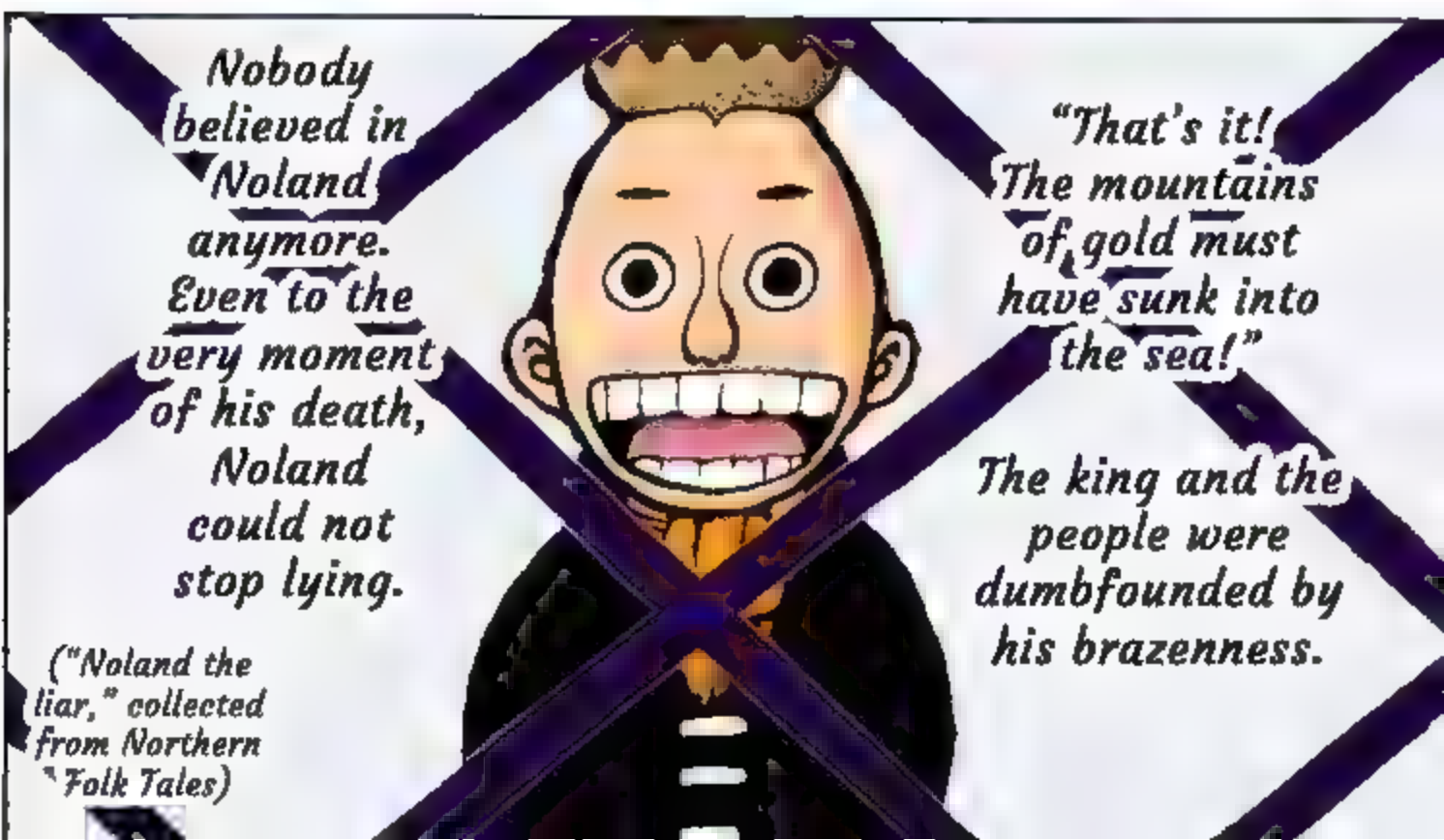


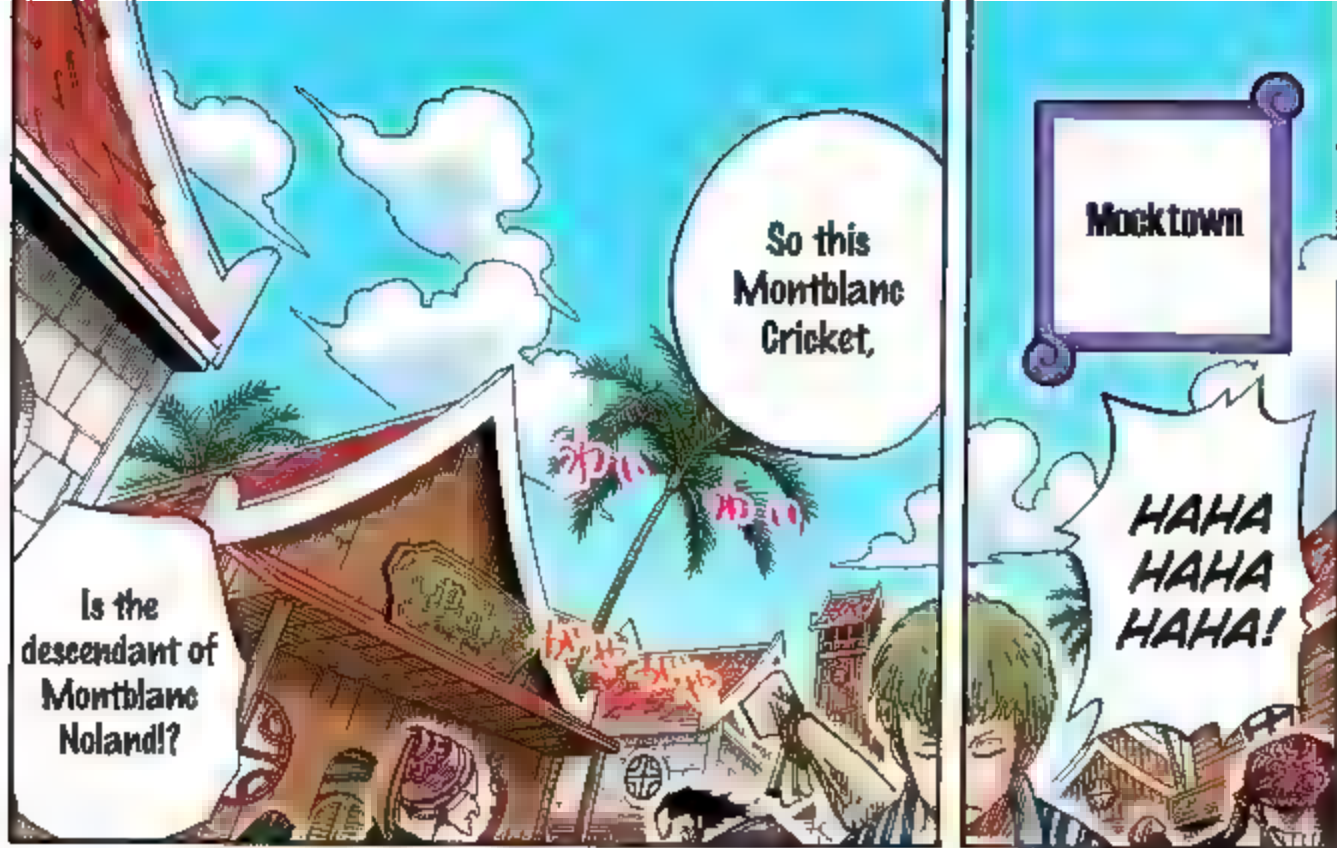
Nobody
believed in
Noland
anymore.
Even to the
very moment
of his death,
Noland
could not
stop lying.

("Noland the
liar," collected
from Northern
Folk Tales)

"That's it!
The mountains
of gold must
have sunk into
the sea!"

The king and the
people were
dumbfounded by
his brazenness.



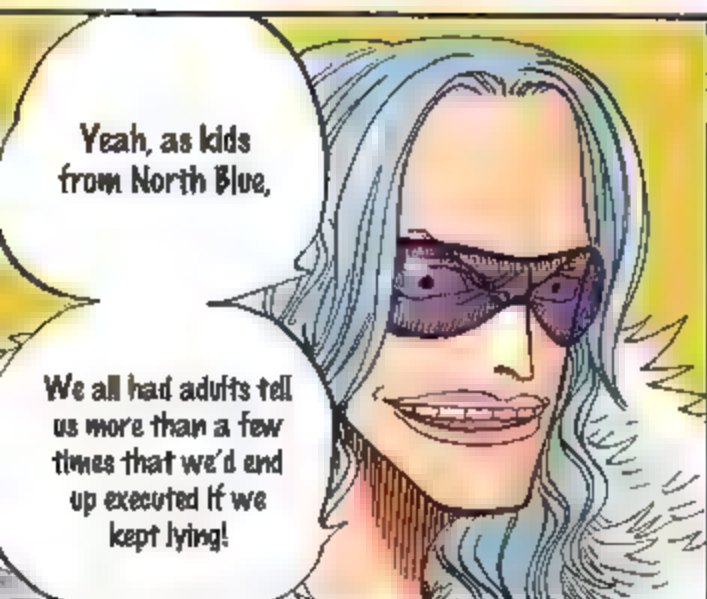


Is the descendant of Montblanc Noland!?

So this Montblanc Cricket,

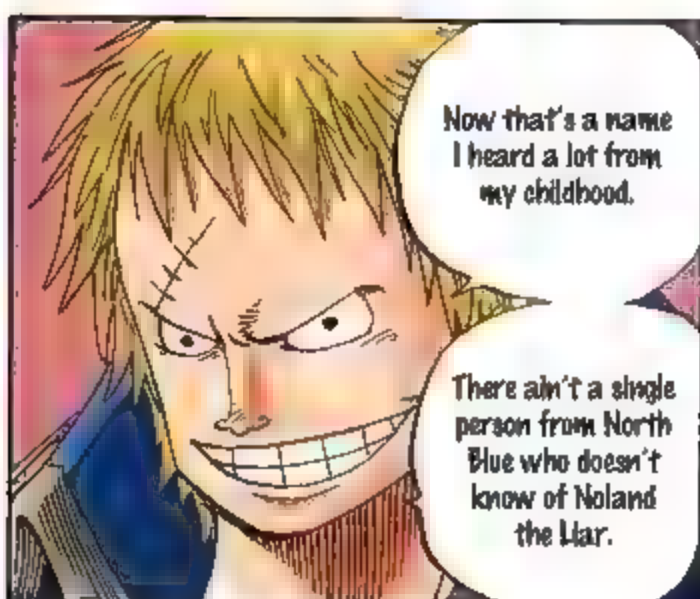
Mocktown

**HAHA
HAHA
HAHA!**



Yeah, as kids from North Blue,

We all had adults tell us more than a few times that we'd end up executed if we kept lying!



Now that's a name I heard a lot from my childhood.

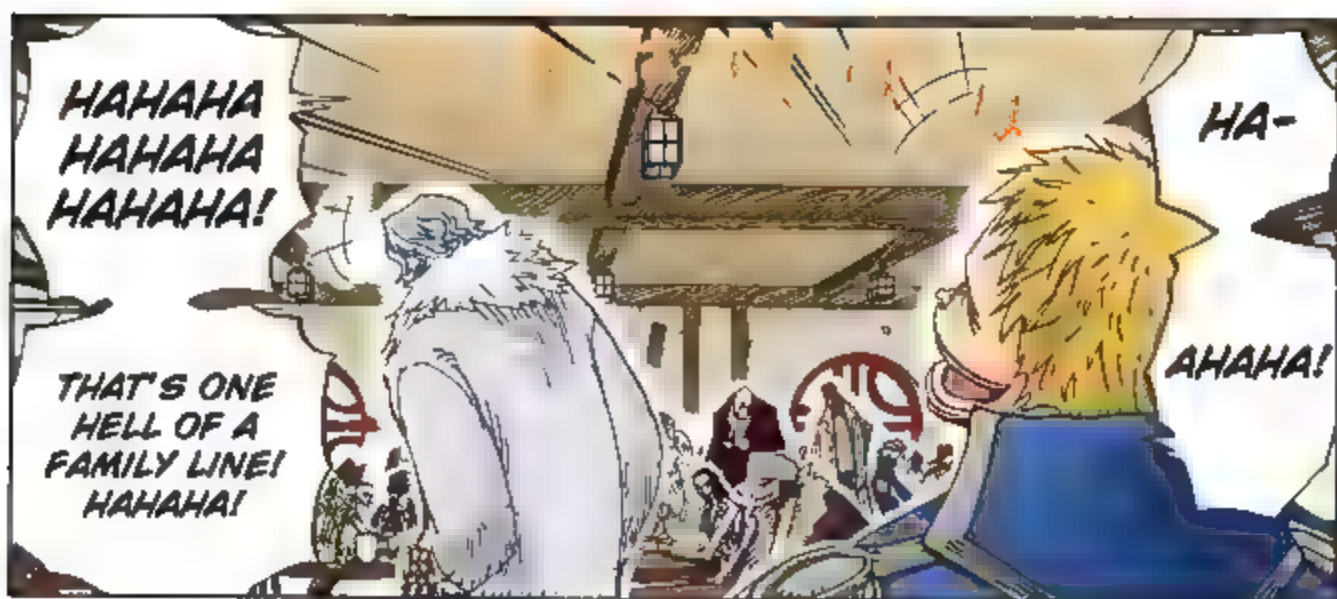
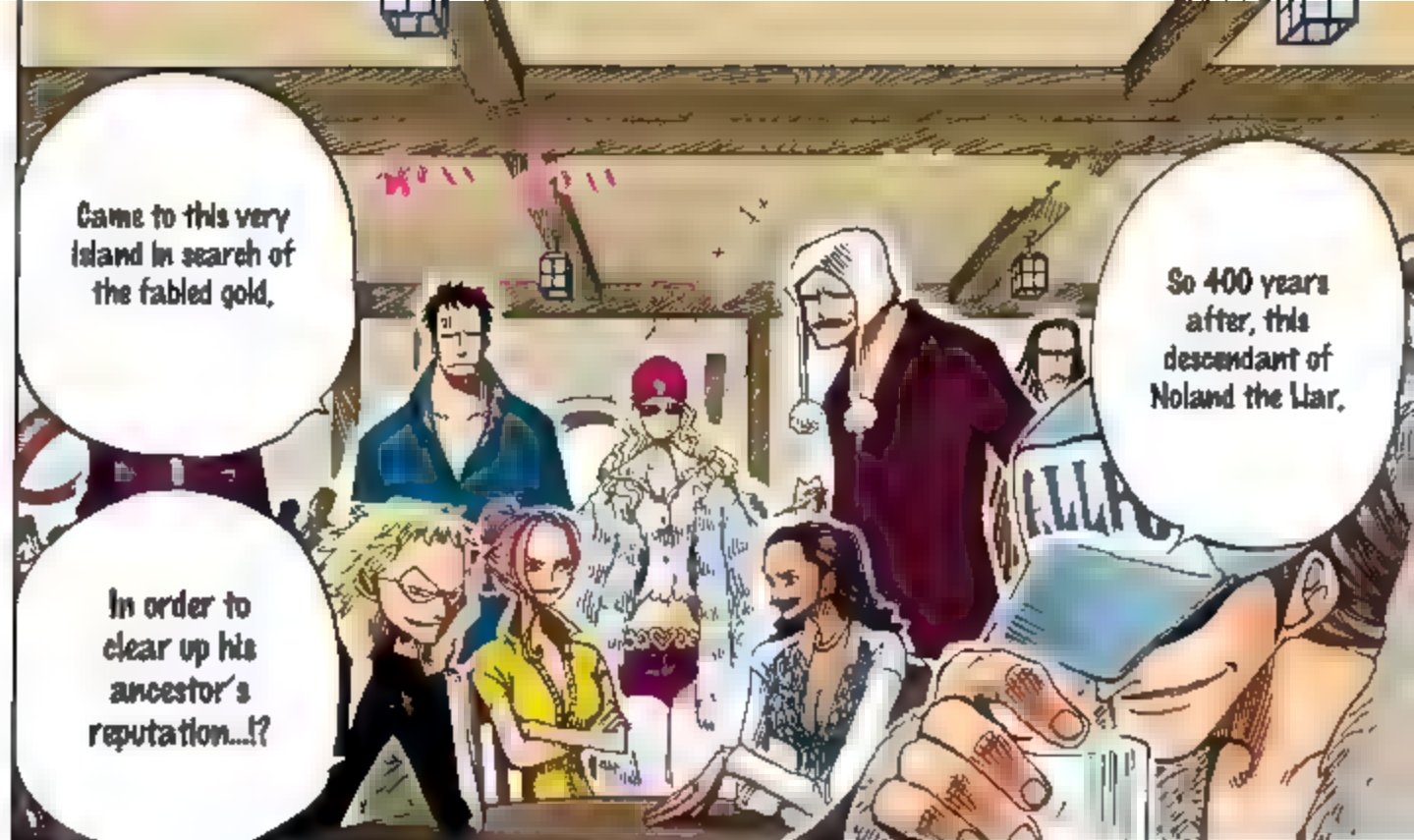
There ain't a single person from North Blue who doesn't know of Noland the liar.

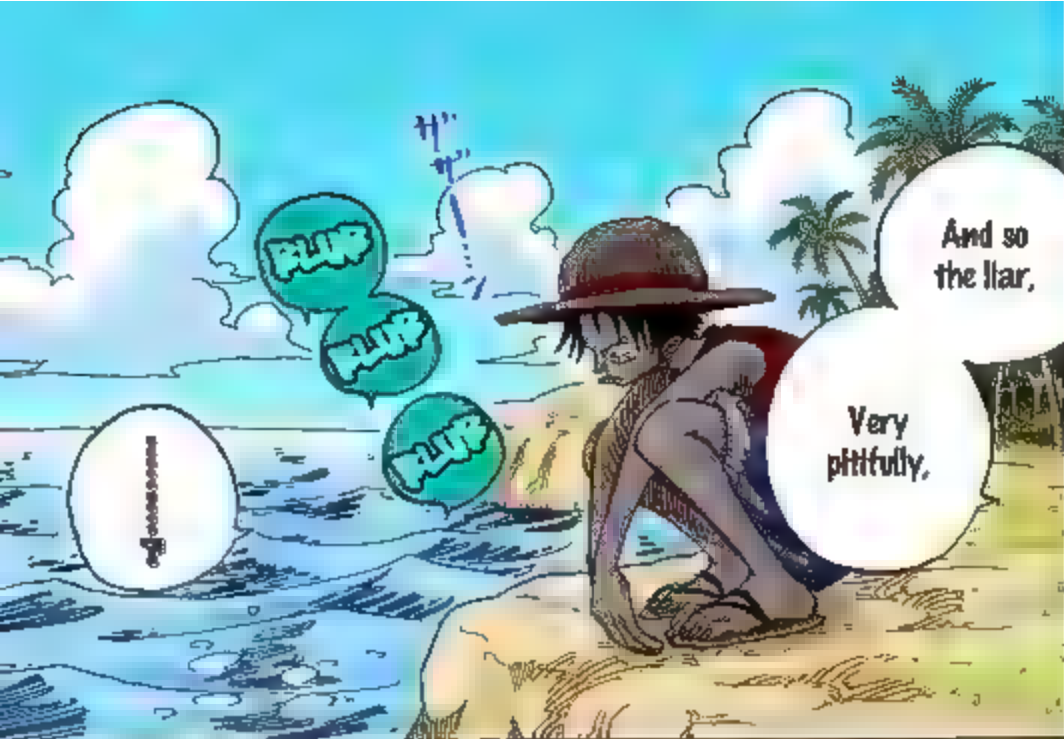


To think that Jaya was the famous island from the story!

Things are gettin' even more interesting!

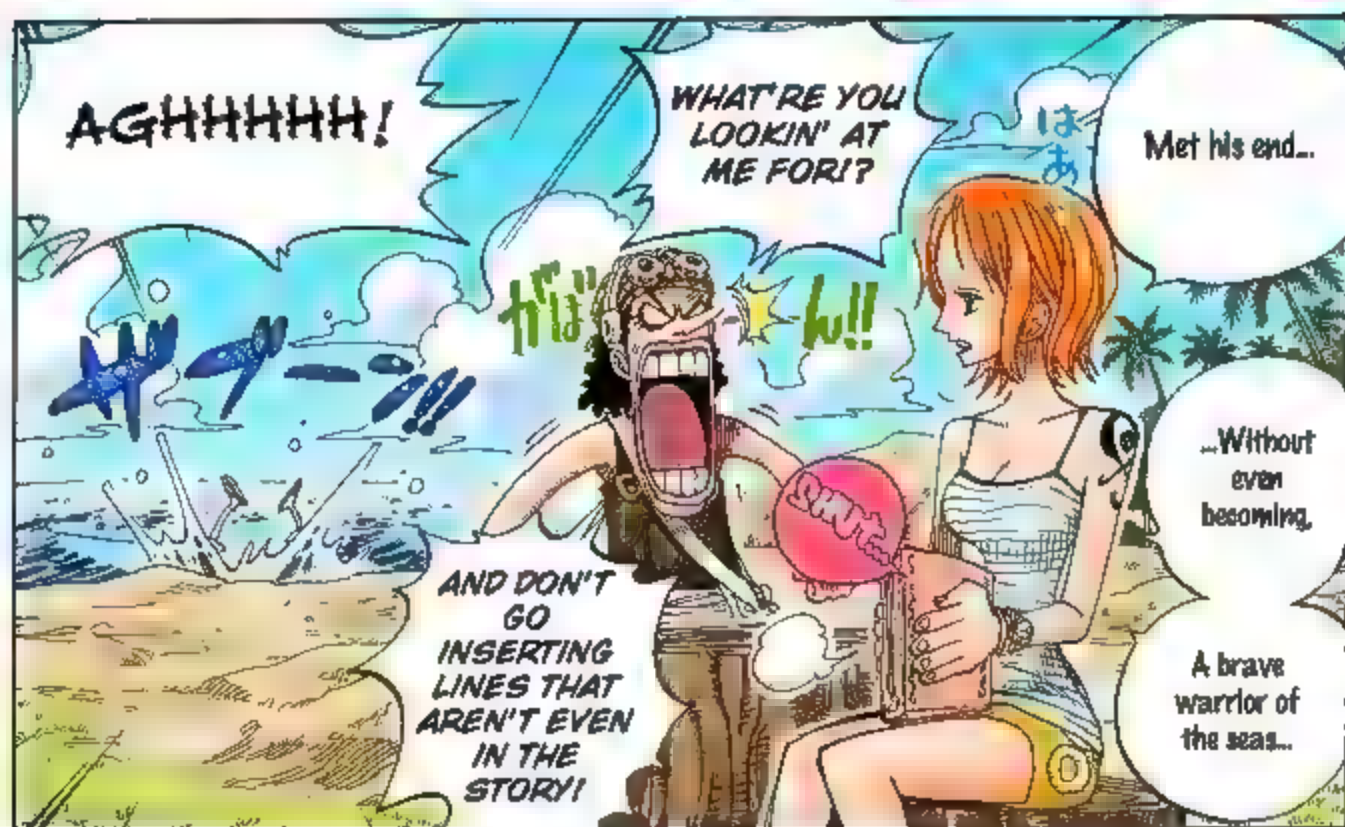
**HAHA
HAHA!**





And so
the liar,

Very
pittifully,



AGHHHHHH!

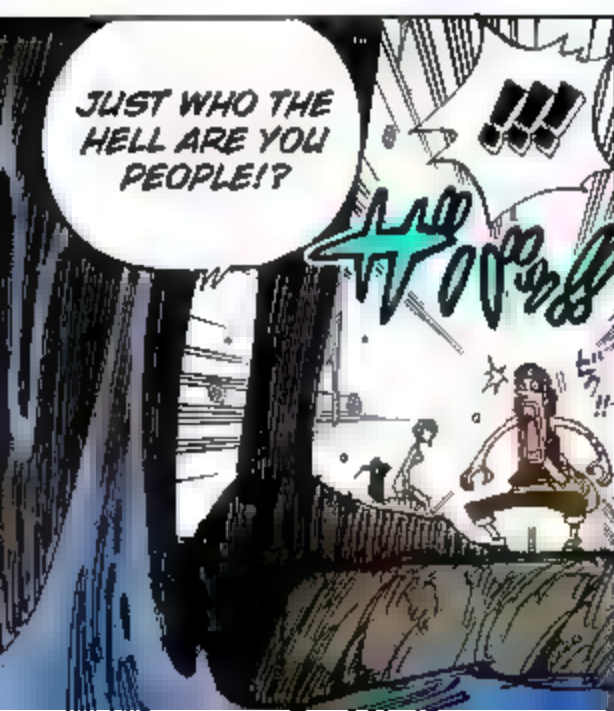
WHAT'RE YOU
LOOKIN' AT
ME FOR?

ほあ
Met his end...

...Without
even
becoming,

A brave
warrior of
the seas...

AND DON'T
GO
INSERTING
LINES THAT
AREN'T EVEN
IN THE
STORY!

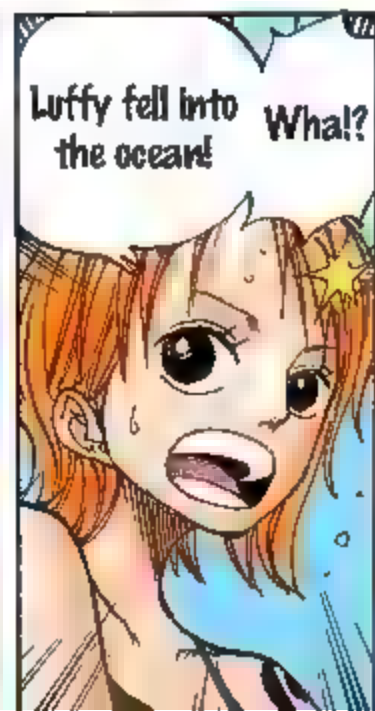


JUST WHO THE
HELL ARE YOU
PEOPLE!?



W-what do
you think
you're doin'!?

!!!



Luffy fell into
the ocean!

What!?



**USOPPI! GET
LUFFY OUTTA
THE WATER!**

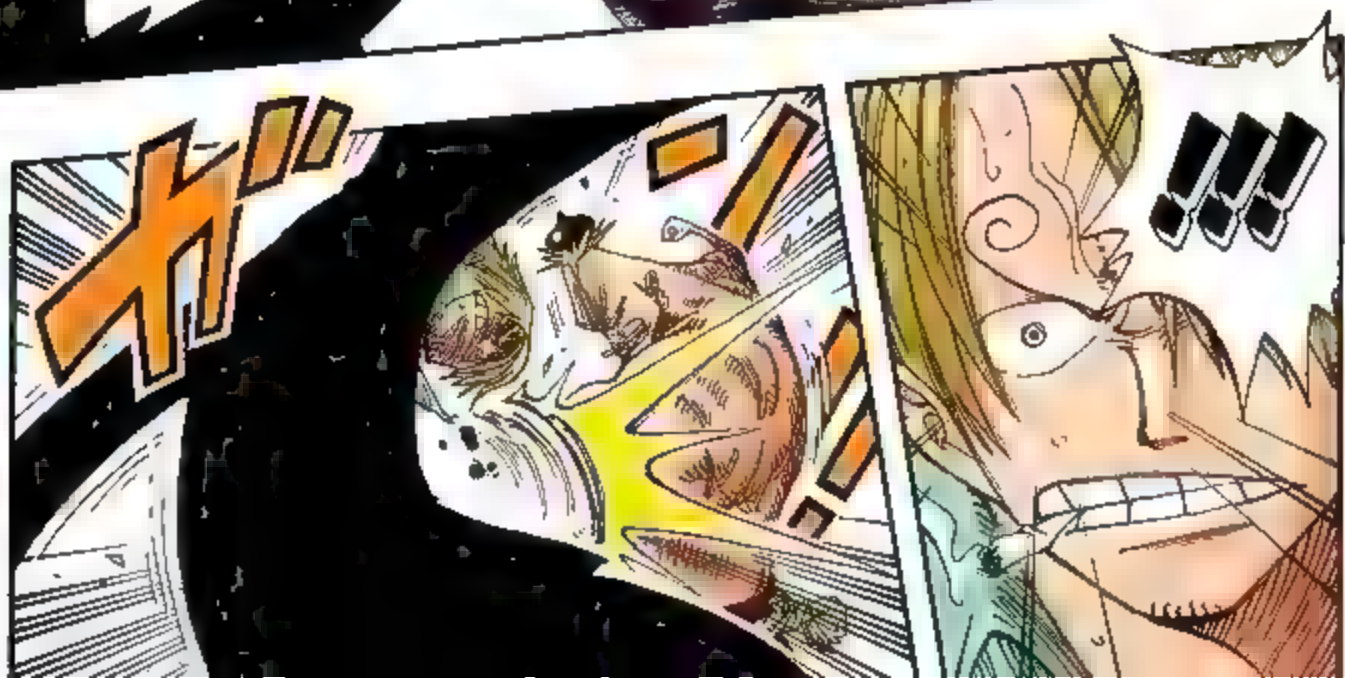
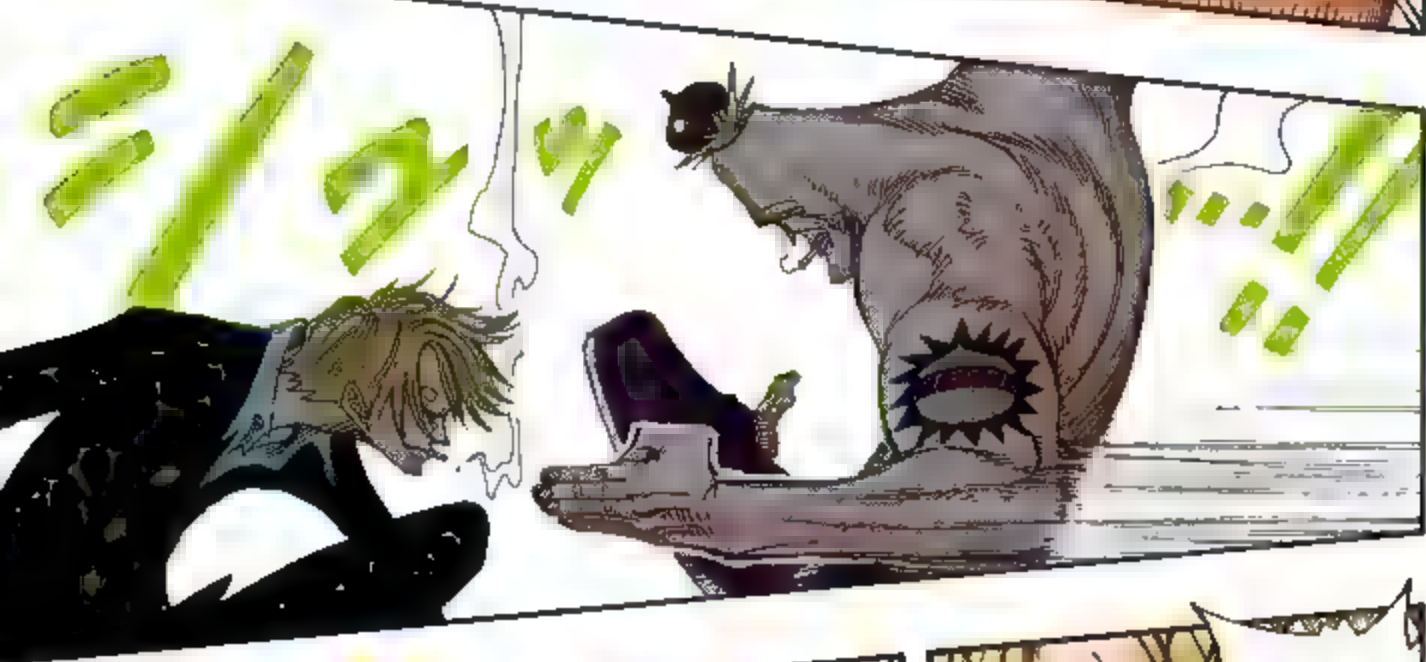
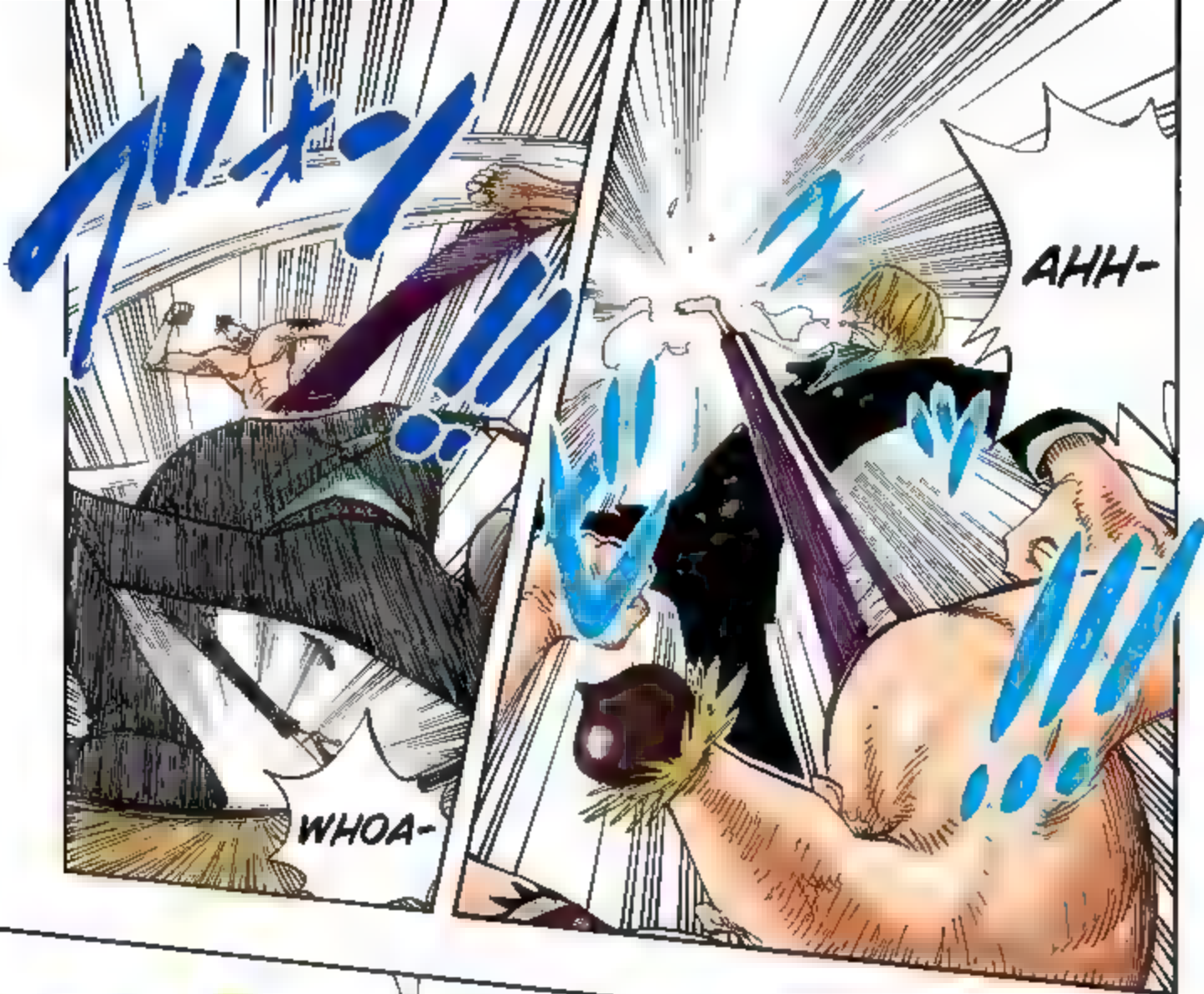
The seas
around here are
my territory.

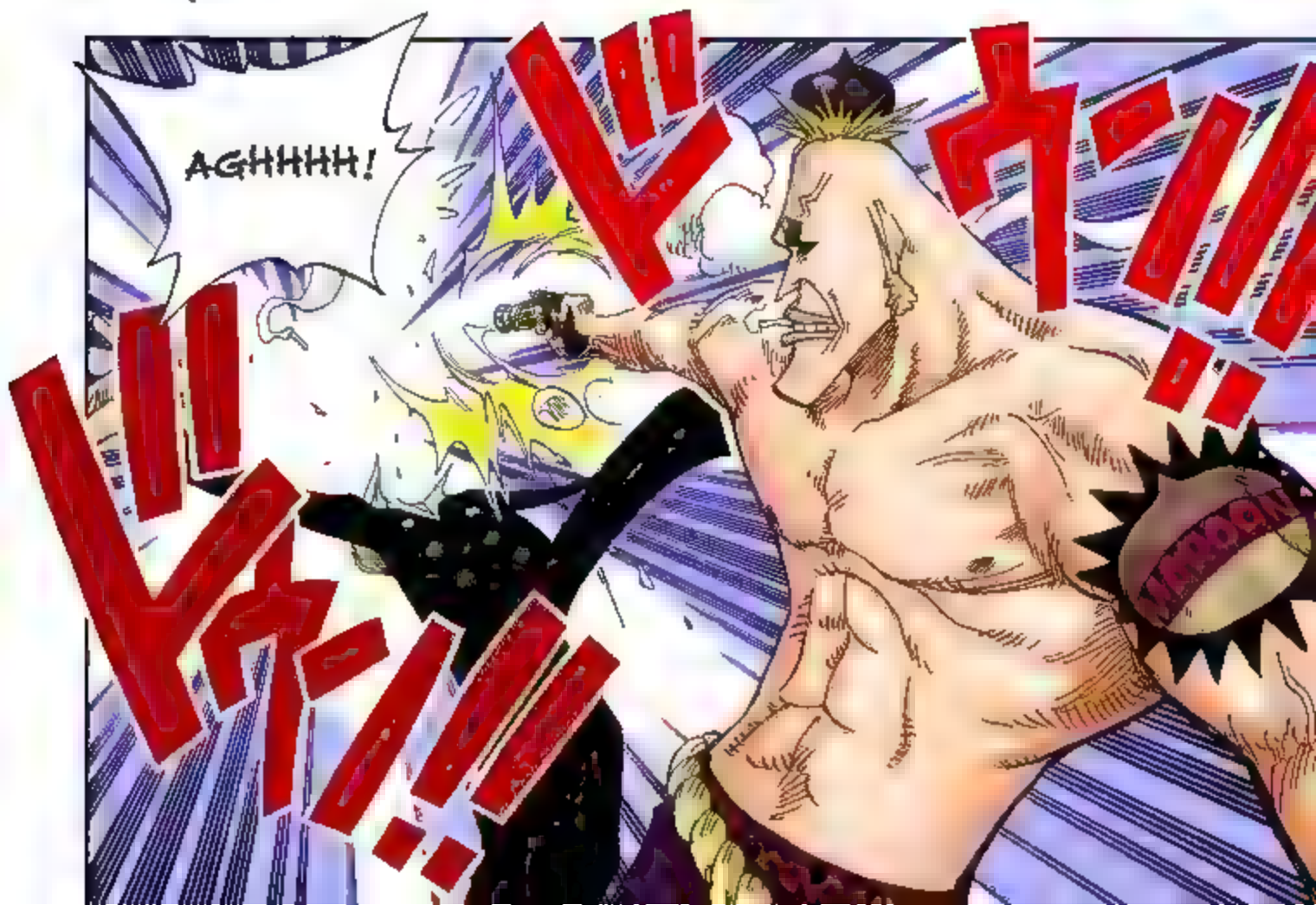
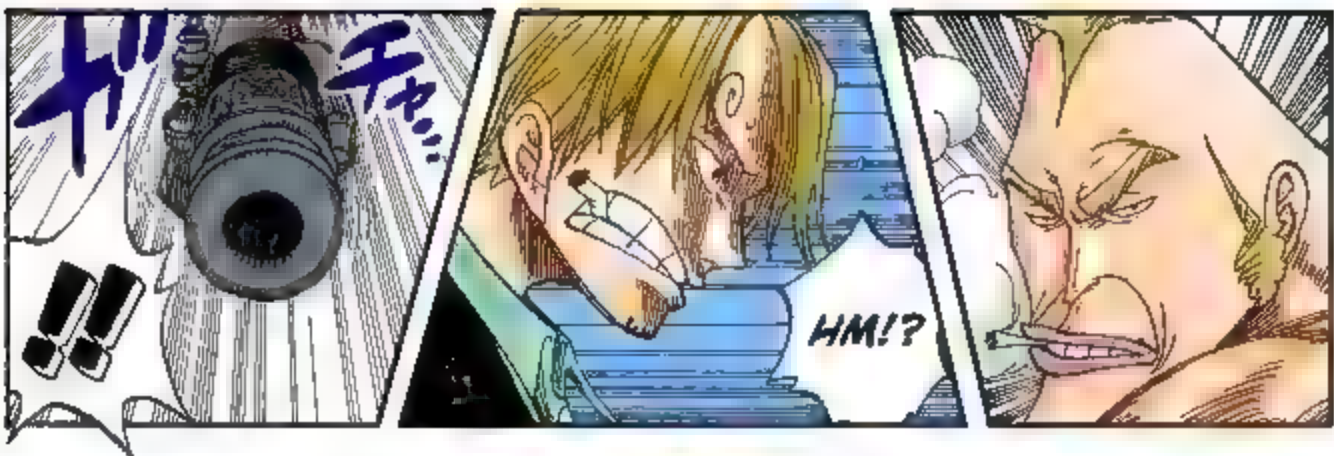
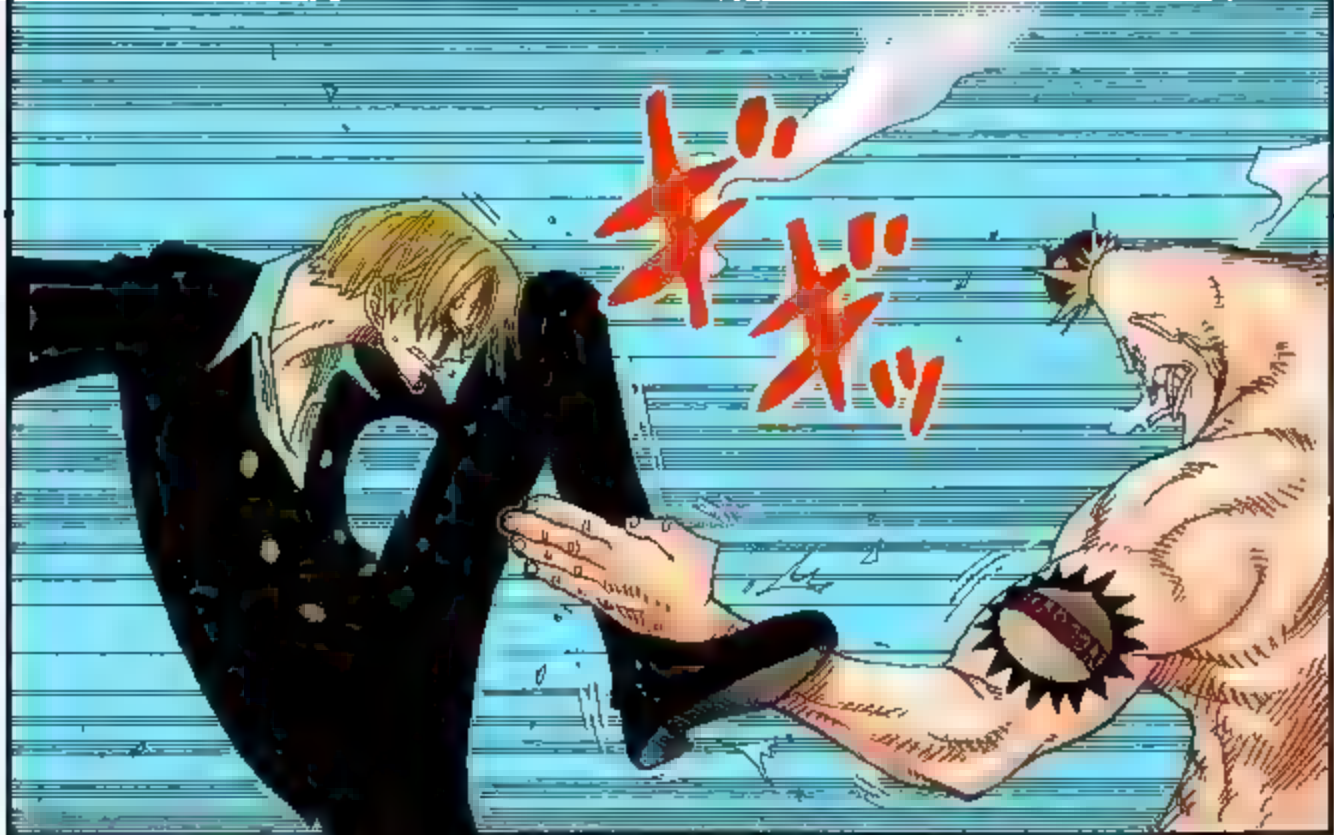
You've got some guts
barging in another
man's house and
making yourself at
home.

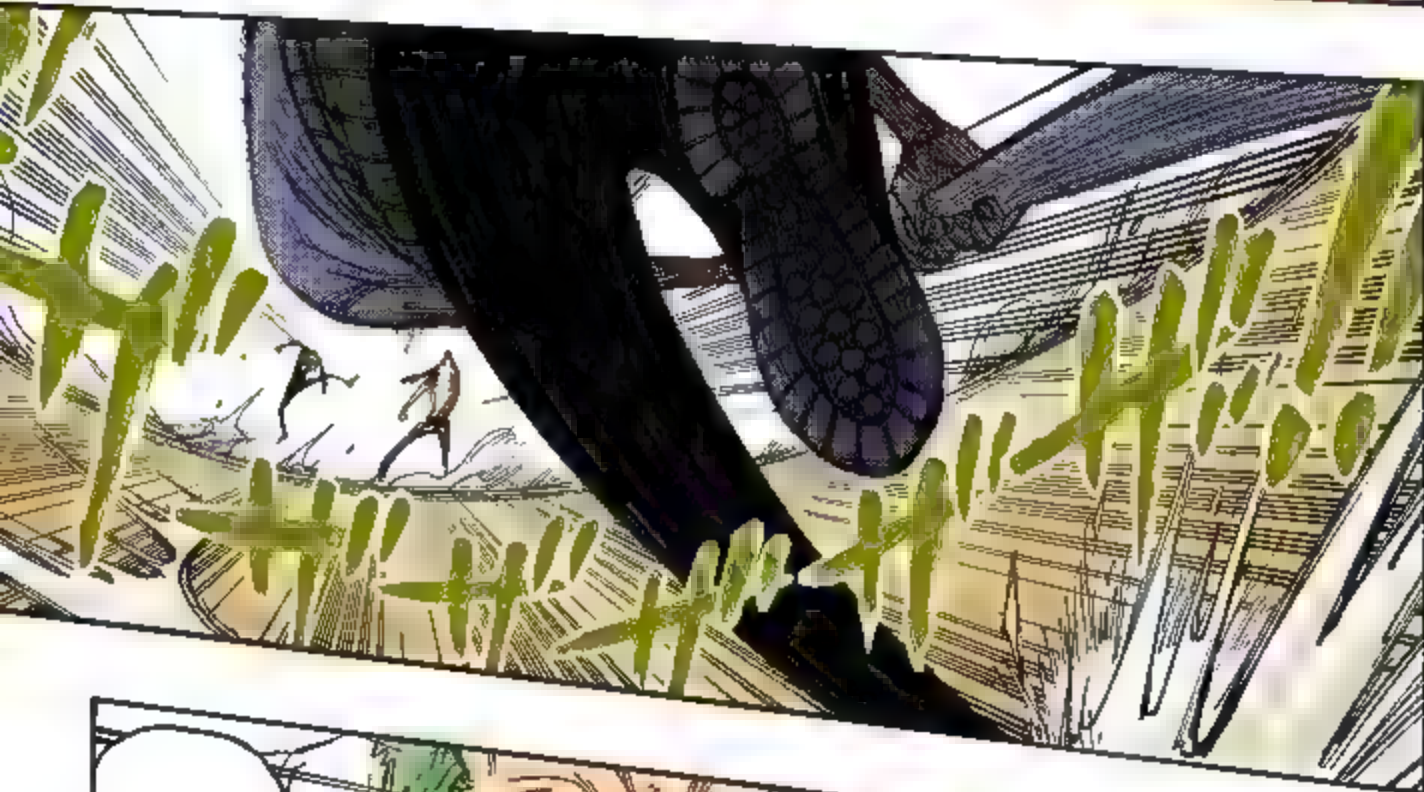
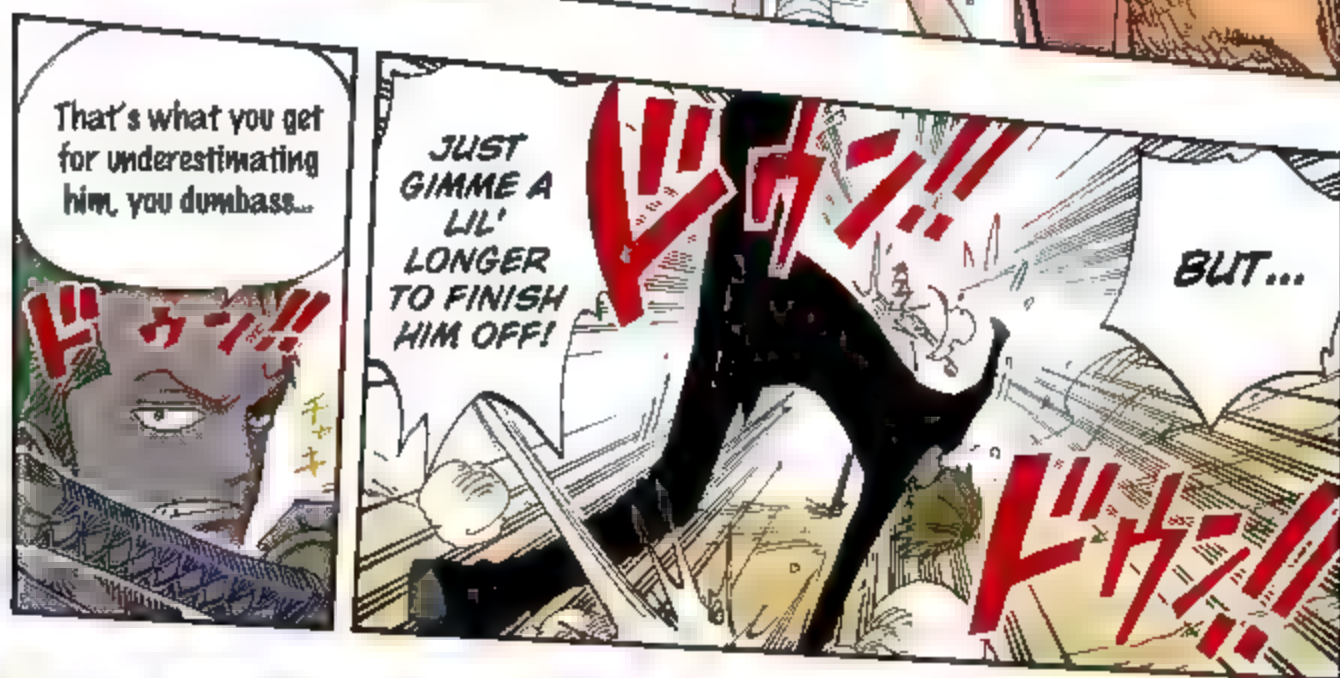
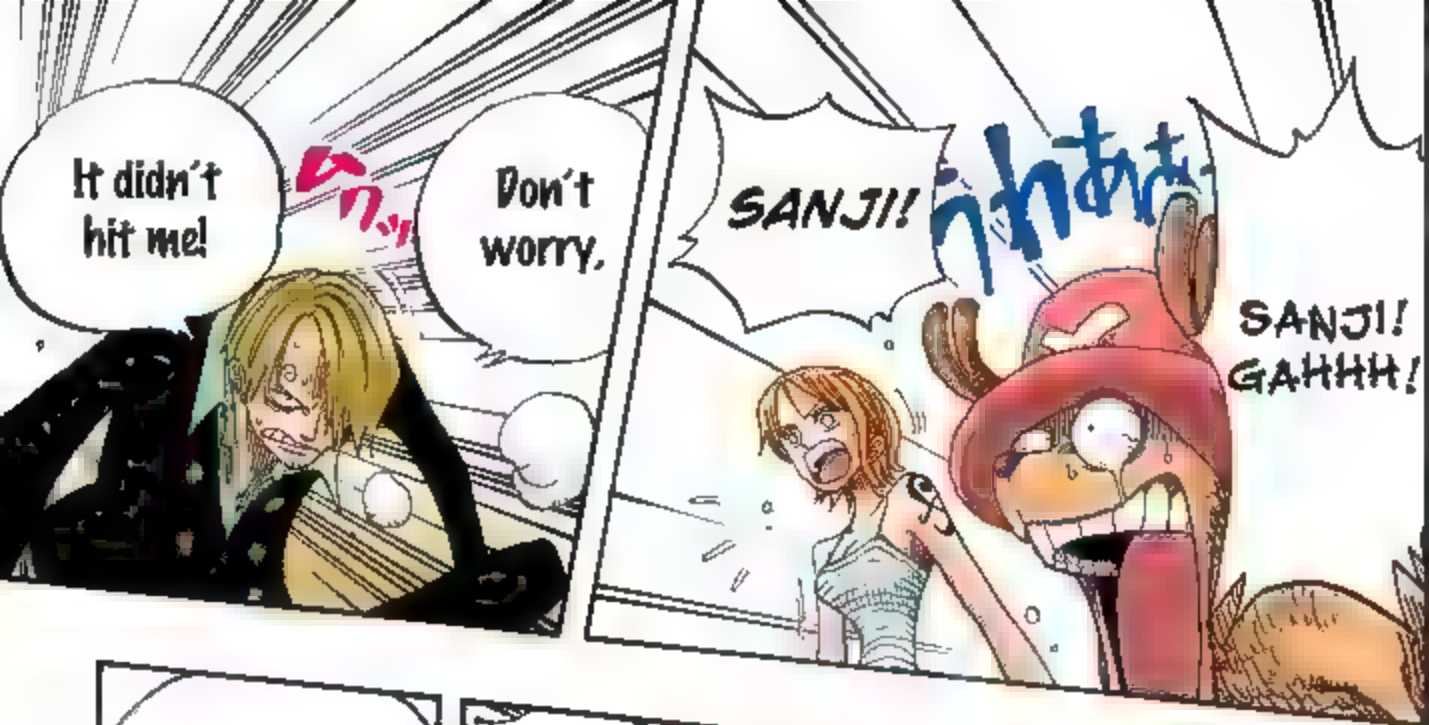
**Last Boss
Of the "Saruyama Alliance"
Montblanc Cricket**

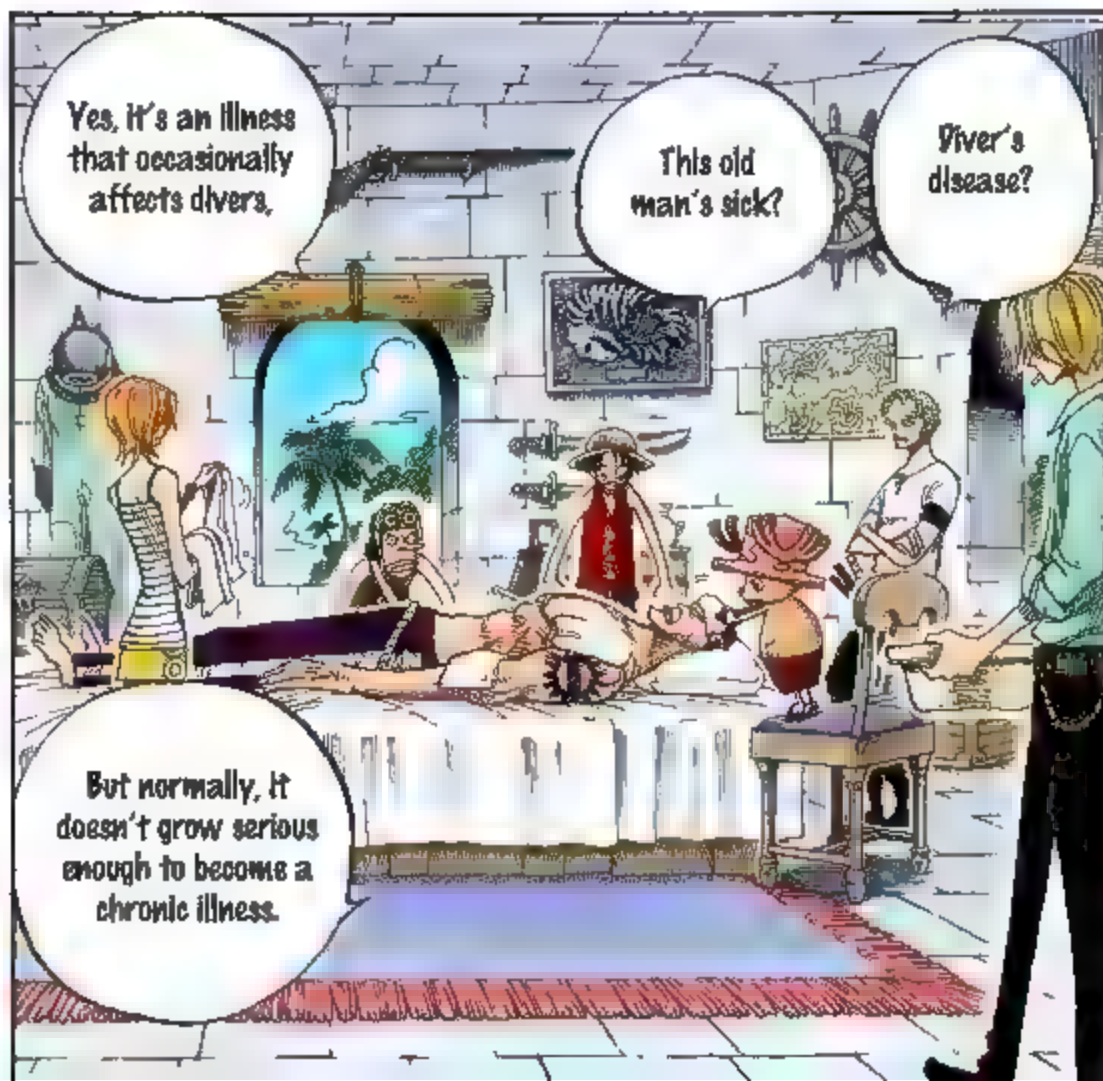
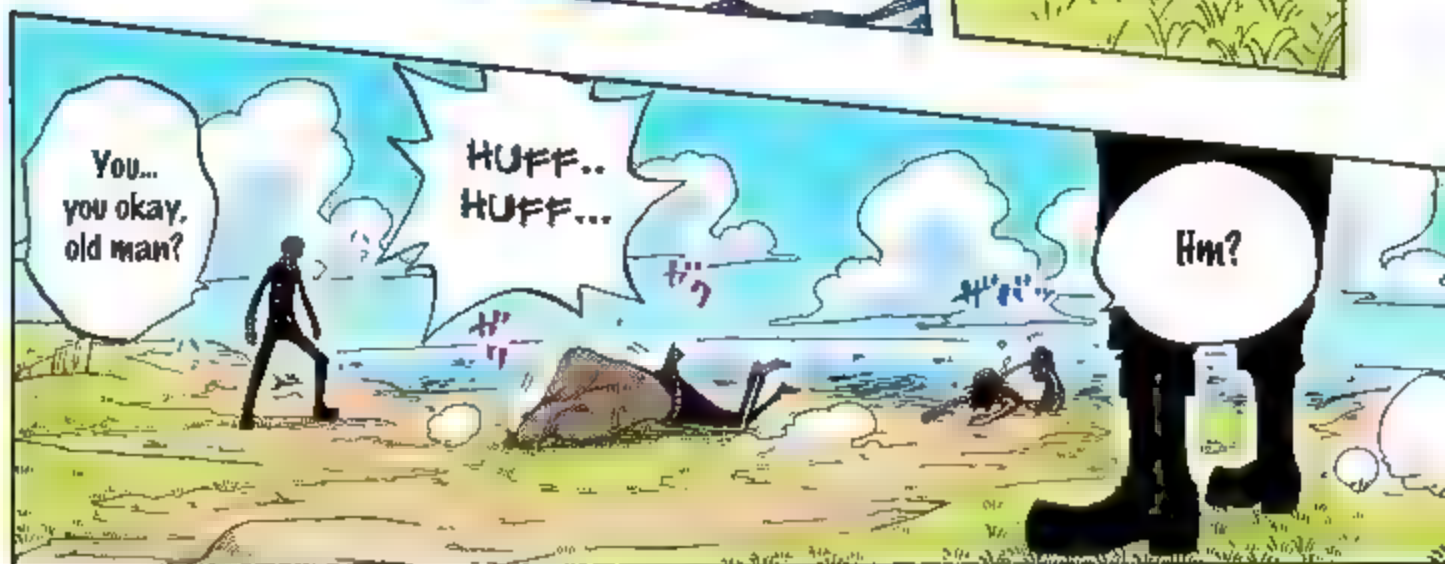
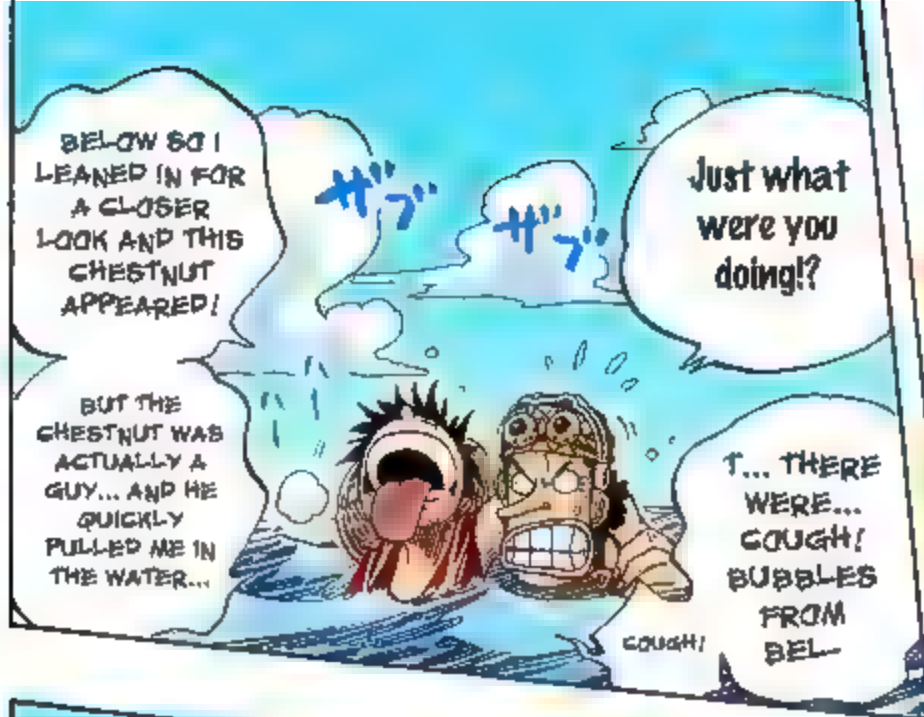
**OVER MY
DEAD BODY,
YOU WILL...**

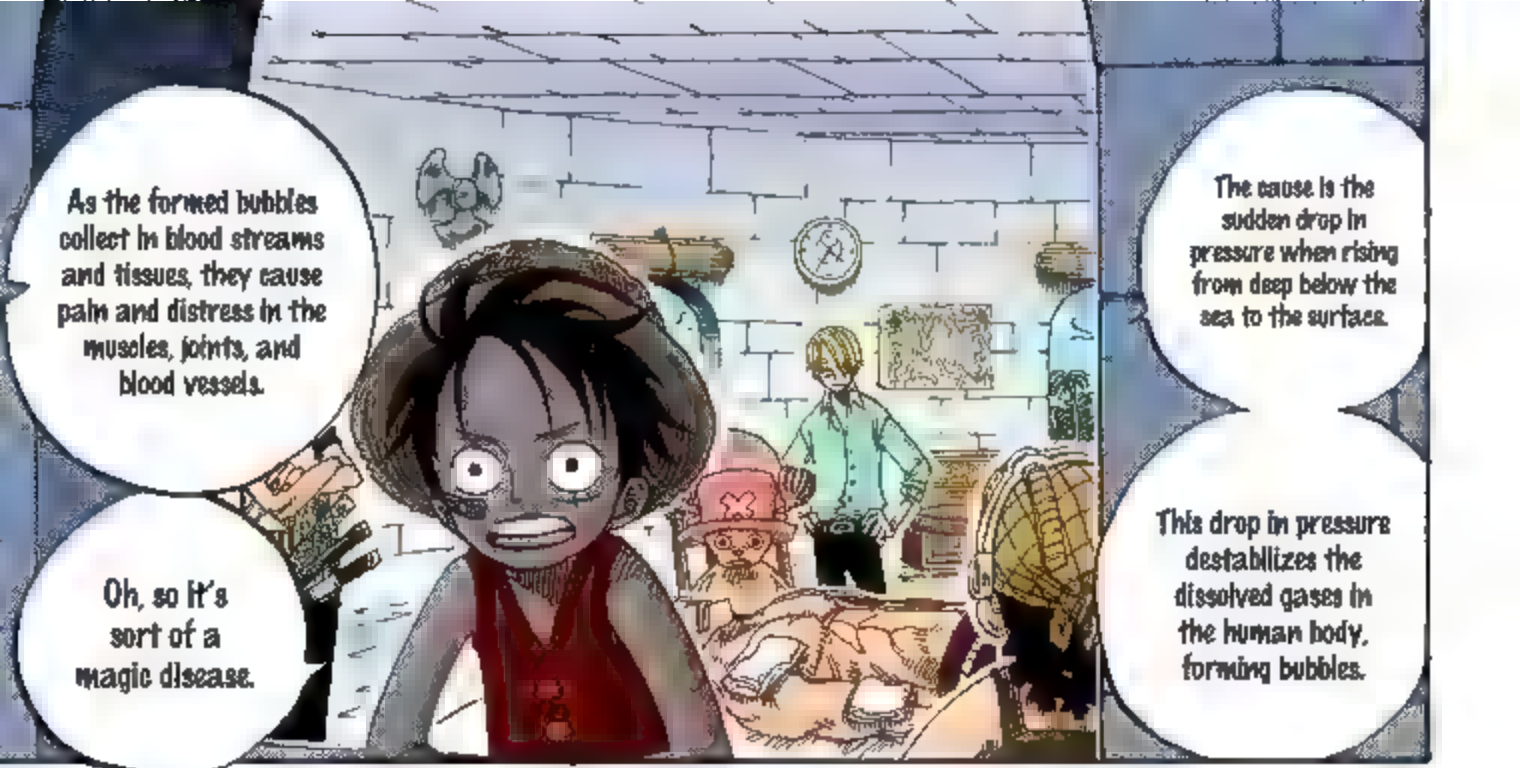
**YOU'VE
COME FOR
MY GOLD,
HAVEN'T
YOU?**












As the formed bubbles collect in blood streams and tissues, they cause pain and distress in the muscles, joints, and blood vessels.

Oh, so it's sort of a magic disease.

The cause is the sudden drop in pressure when rising from deep below the sea to the surface.

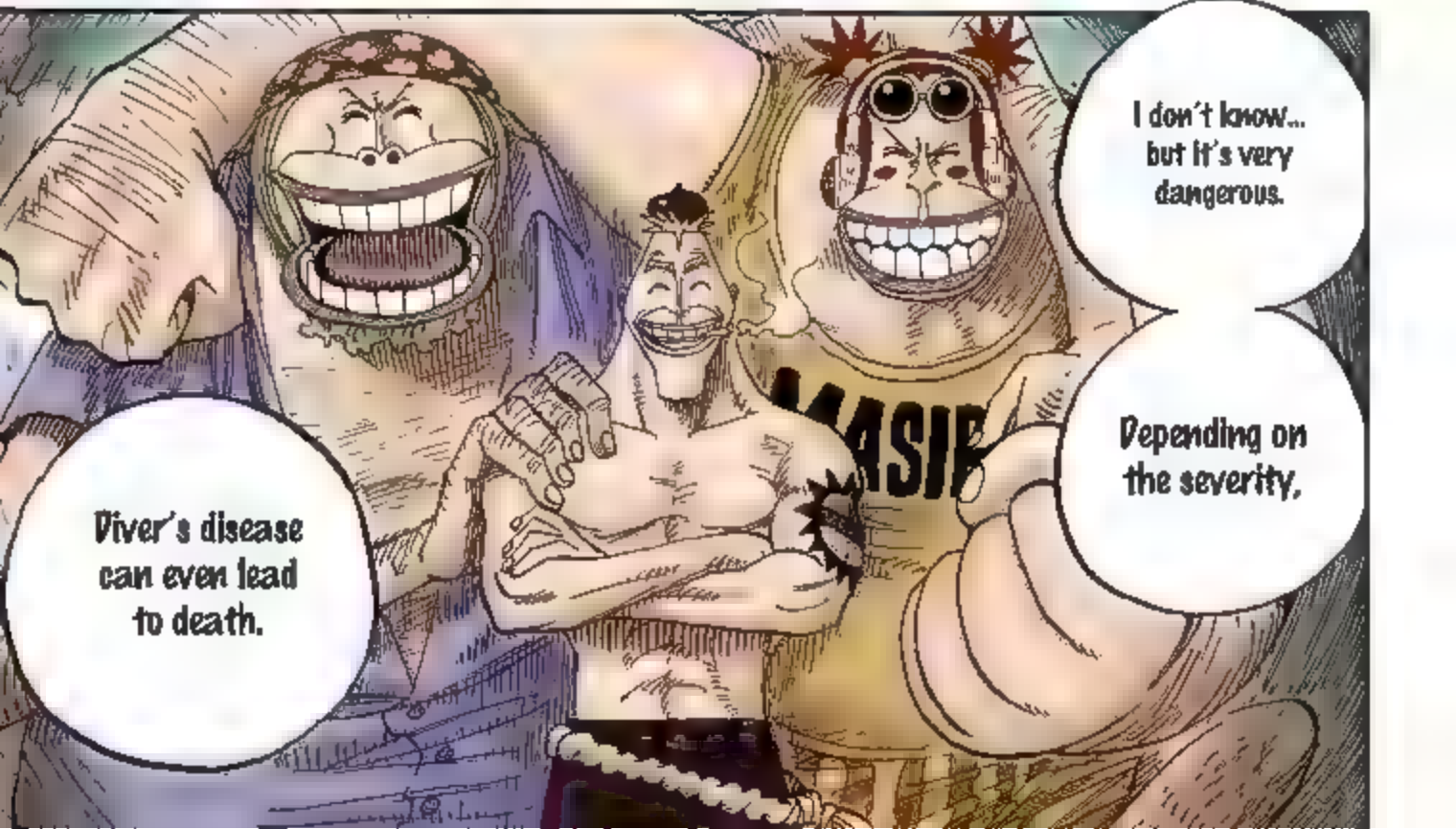
This drop in pressure destabilizes the dissolved gases in the human body, forming bubbles.



What could have driven him to this?

That the bubbles didn't have enough time to disappear naturally.

This person must have been diving so frequently,



Diver's disease can even lead to death.

I don't know... but it's very dangerous.

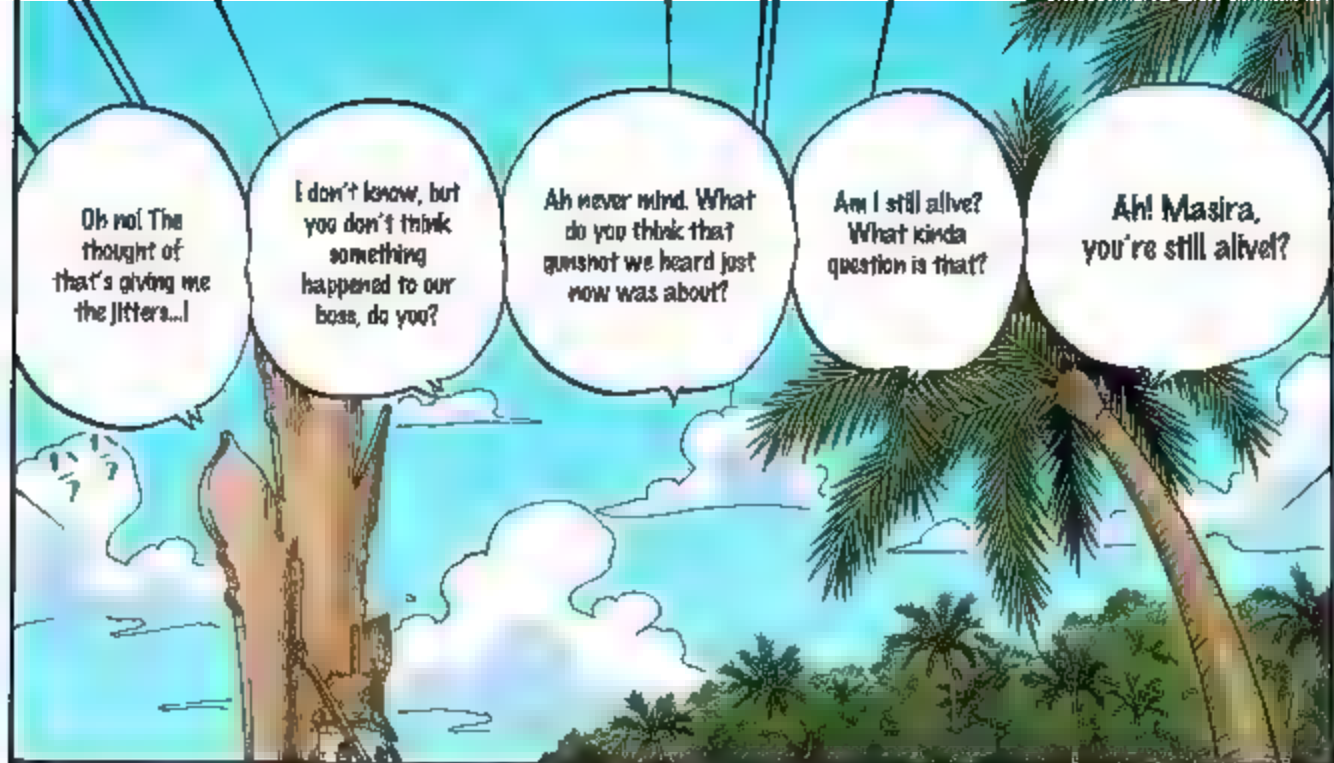
Depending on the severity,

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Last Boss of the Saruyama Alliance, Montblanc Cricket



HATCHAN'S SEA-FLOOR STROLL VOL. 40 (END):
"GRAND OPENING OF TAKOYAKI '8'"



Oh no! The thought of that's giving me the jitters...!

I don't know, but you don't think something happened to our boss, do you?

Ah never mind. What do you think that gunshot we heard just now was about?

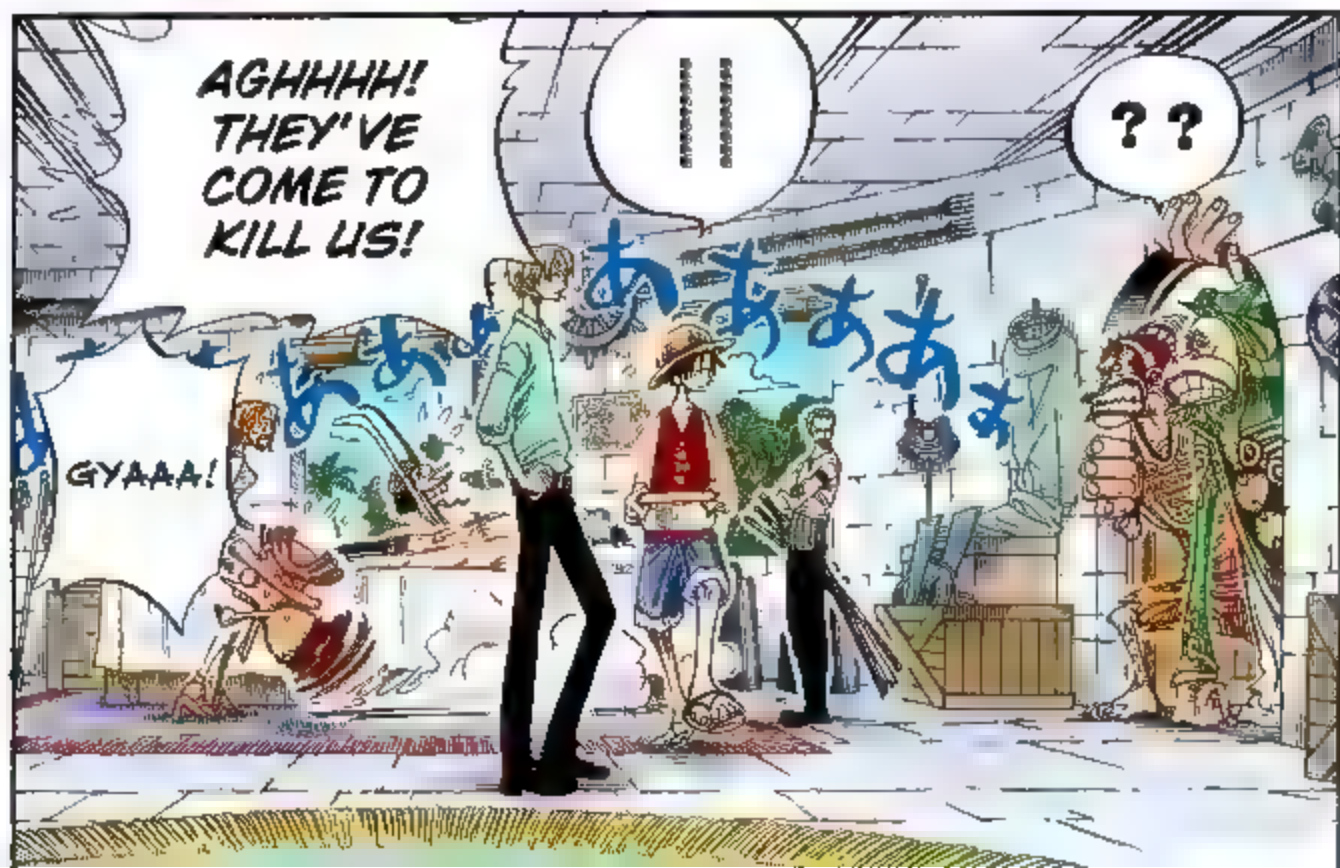
Am I still alive? What kinda question is that?

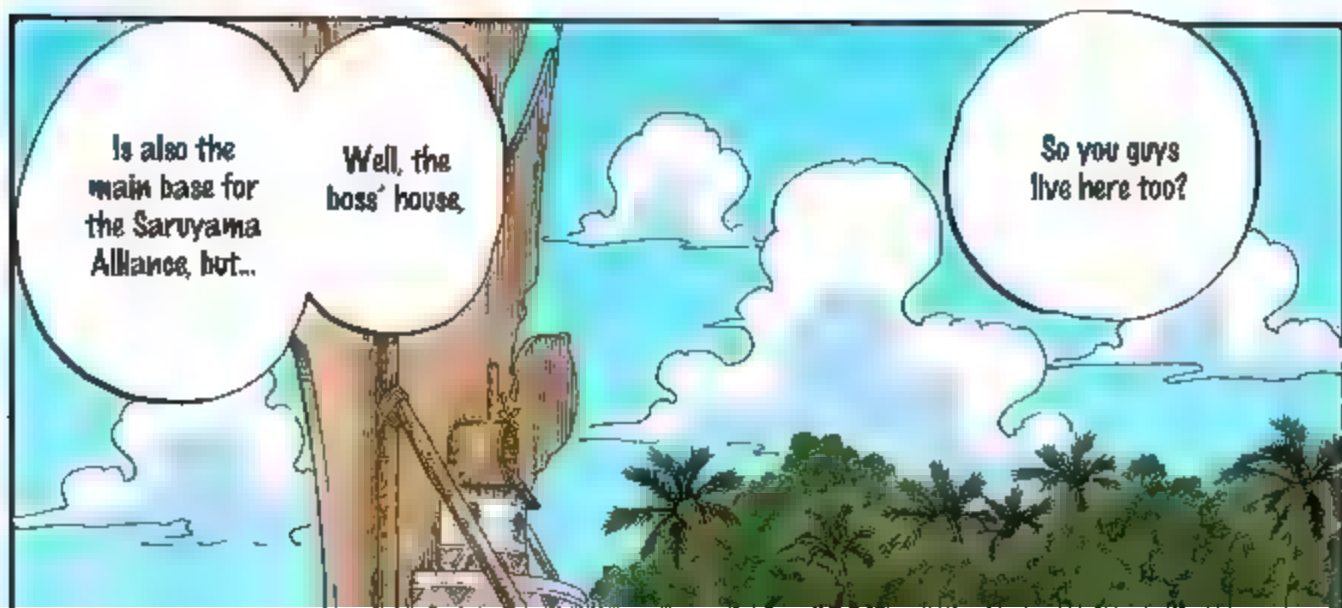
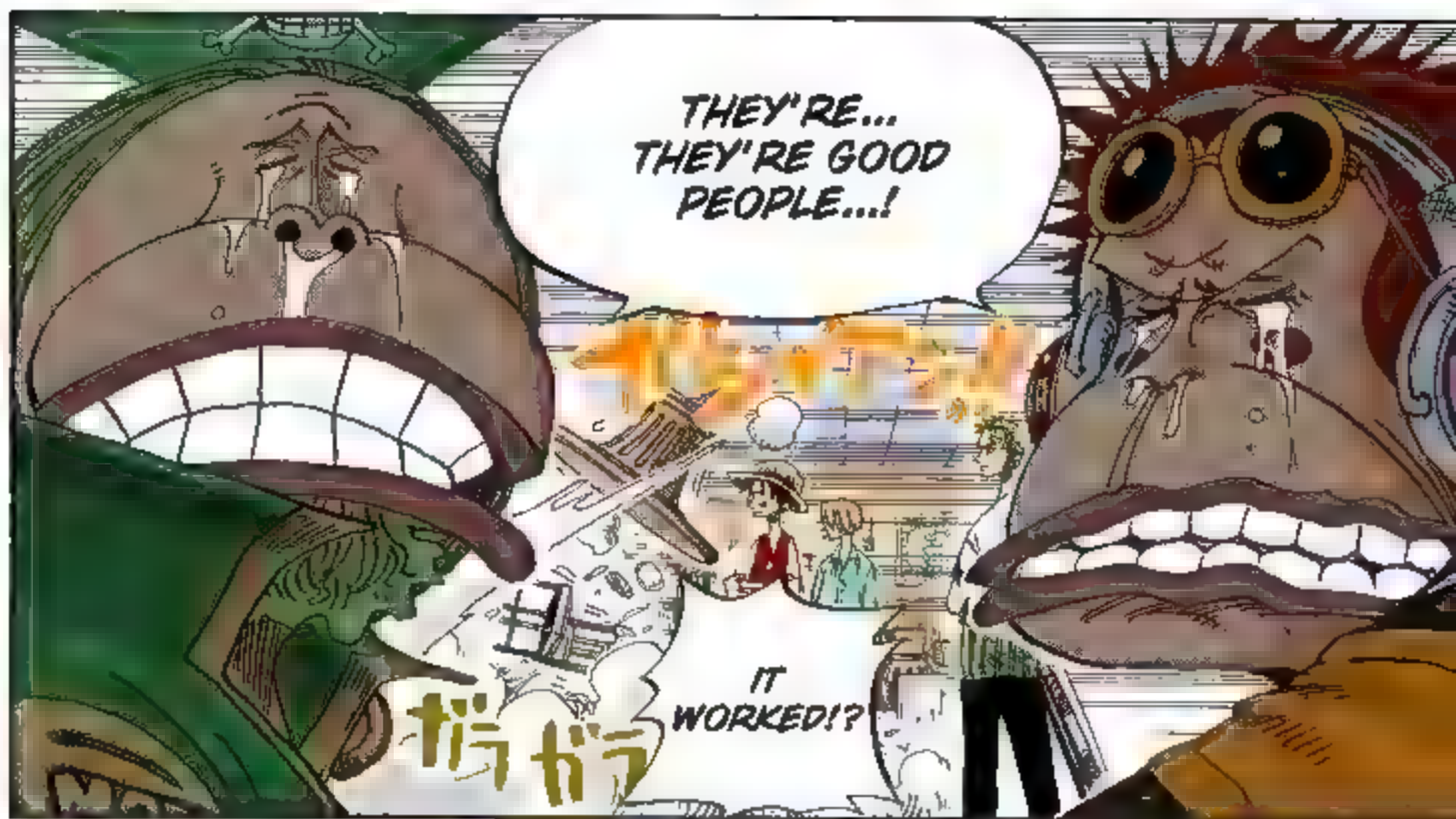
Ah! Masira, you're still alive!

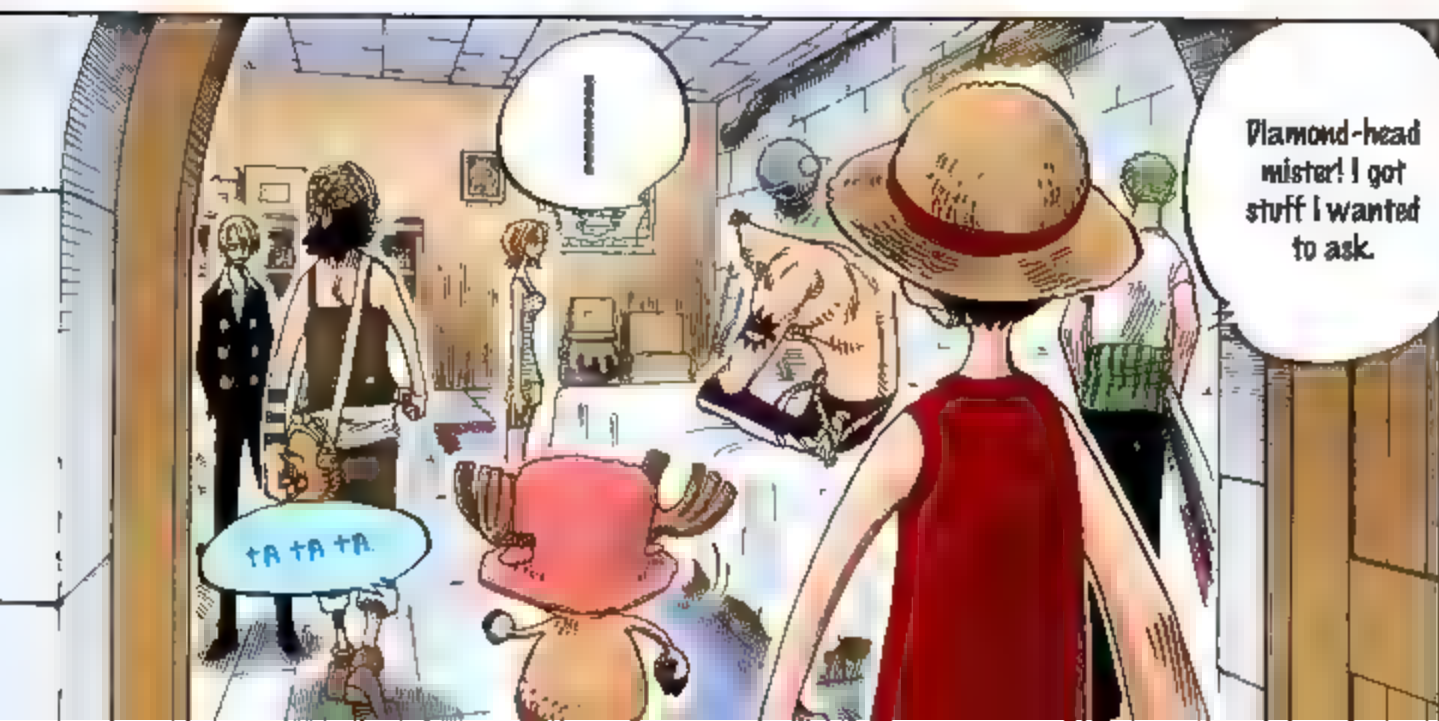
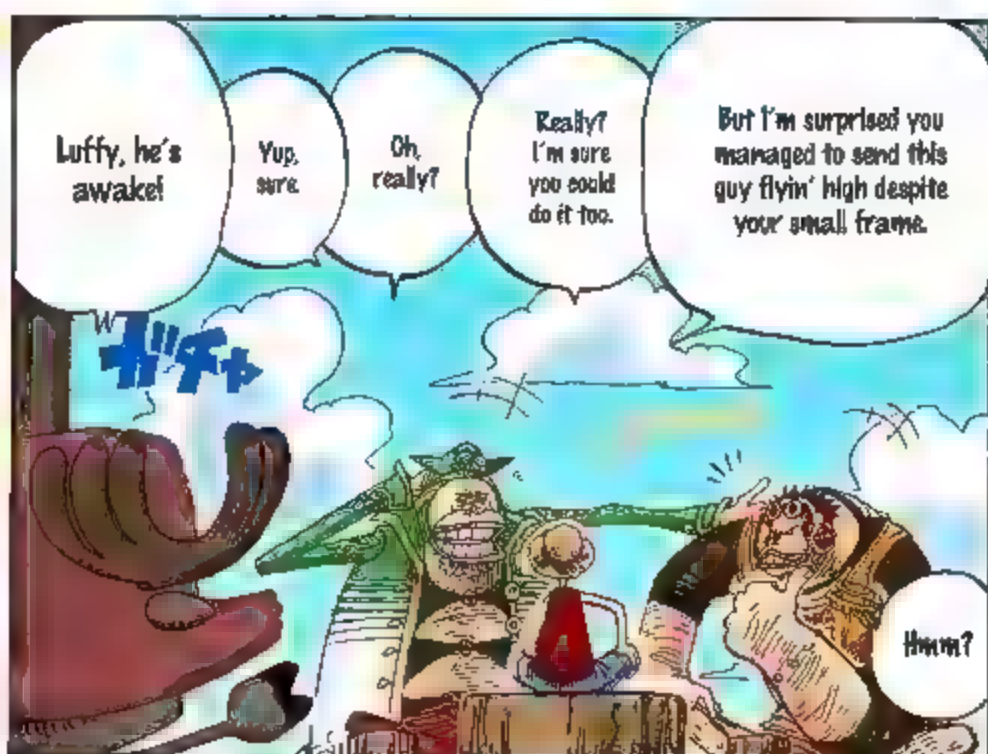
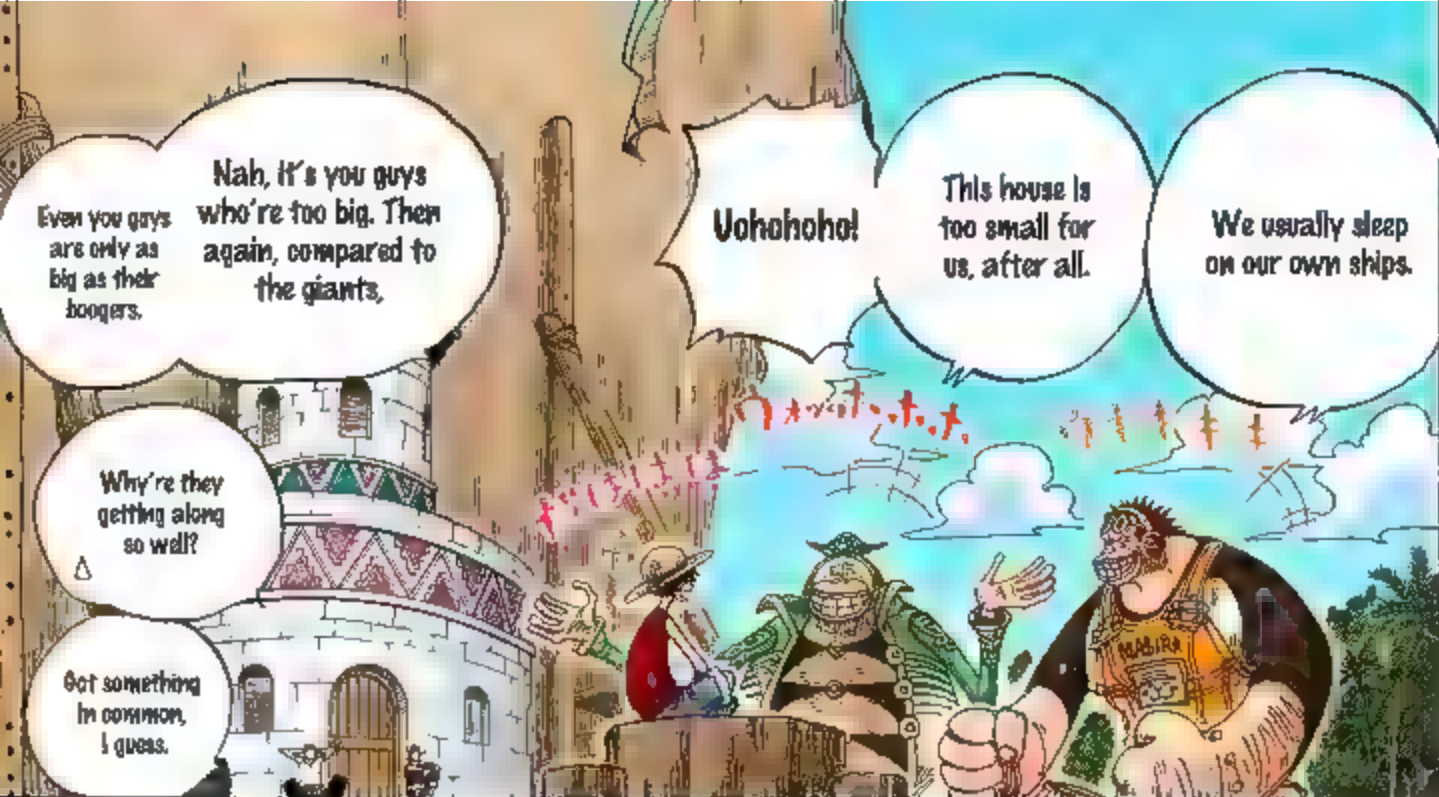
BOOOOOSSSS!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?



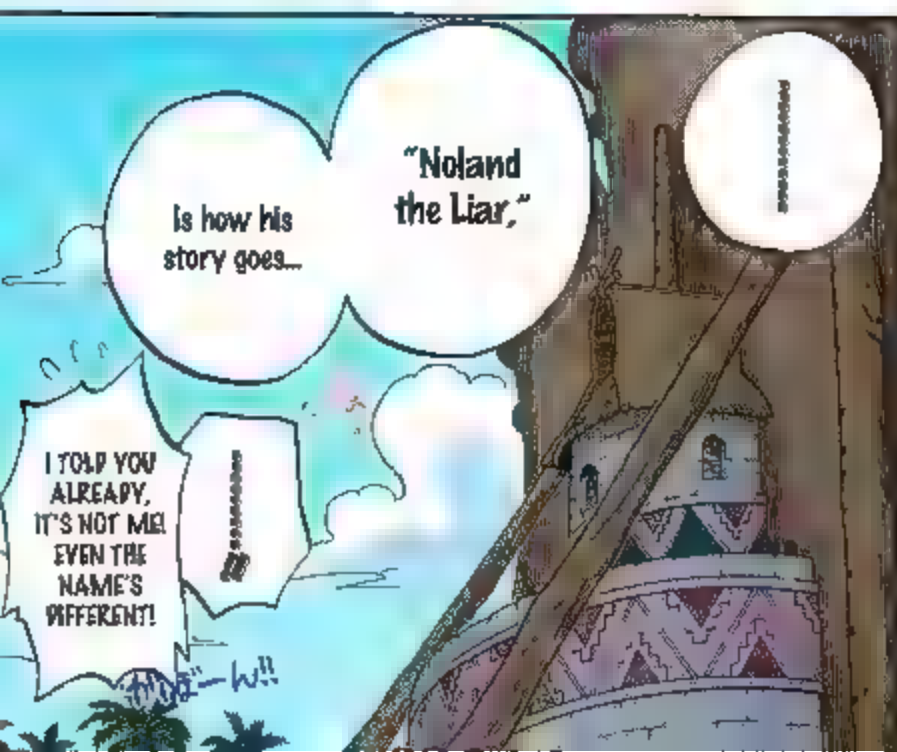
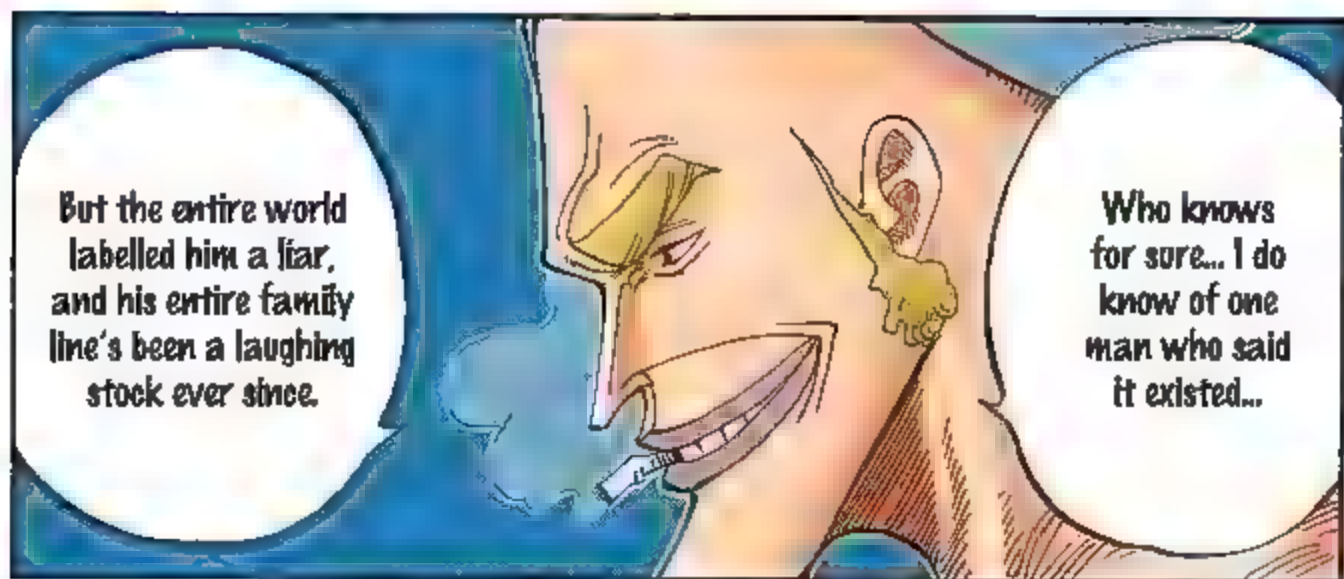
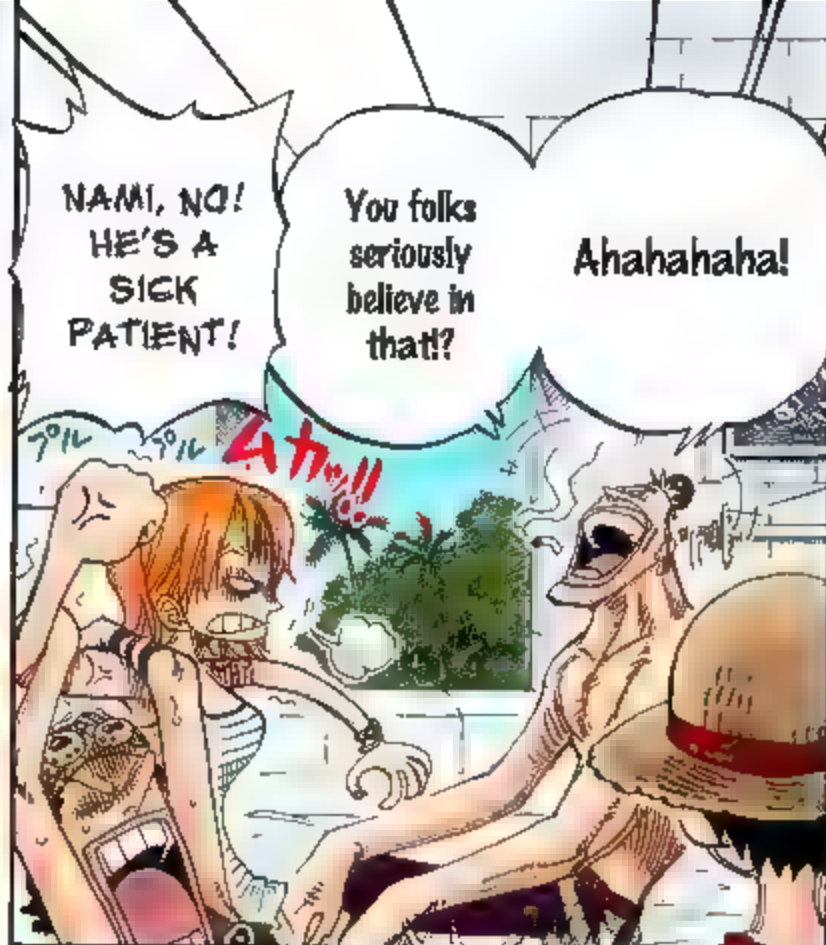
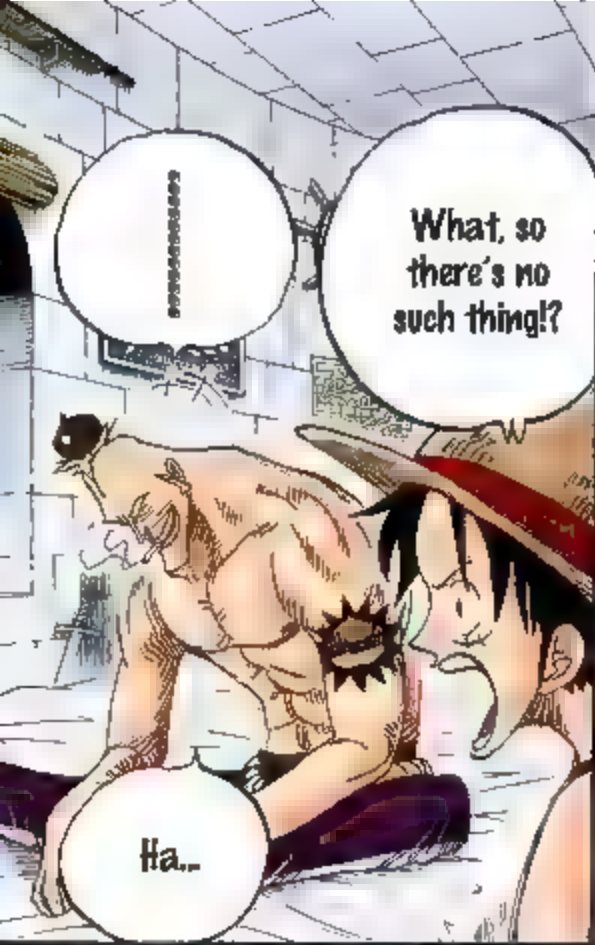
ばーん!!!

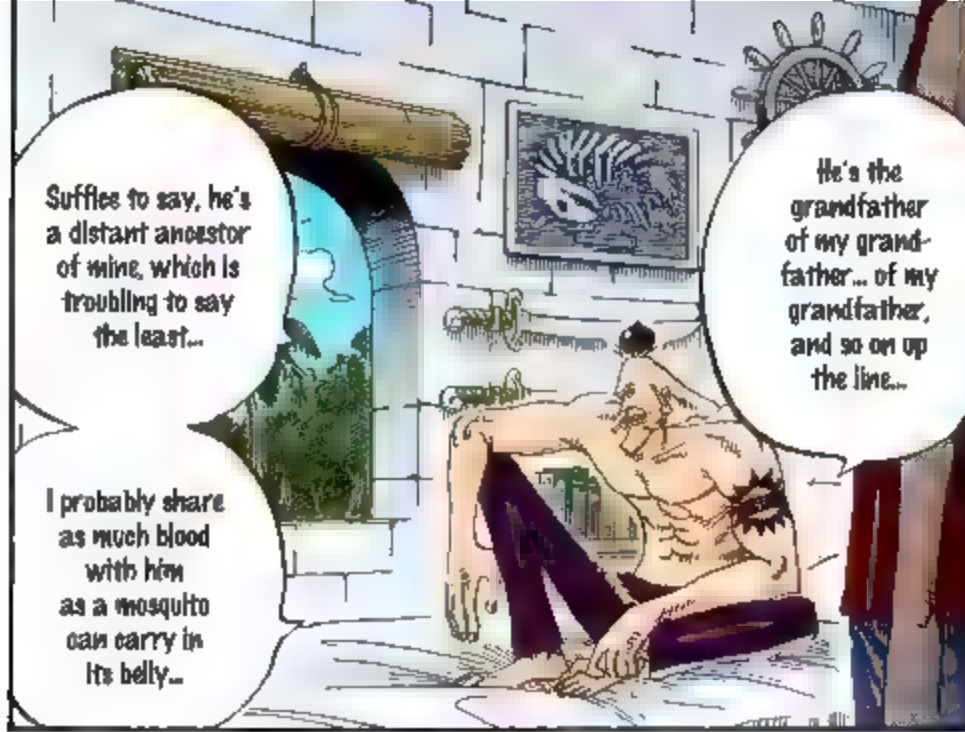












Suffice to say, he's a distant ancestor of mine, which is troubling to say the least...

I probably share as much blood with him as a mosquito can carry in its belly...

He's the grandfather of my grandfather... of my grandfather, and so on up the line...



And this island is the very island in the story!?

You're his descendant!?

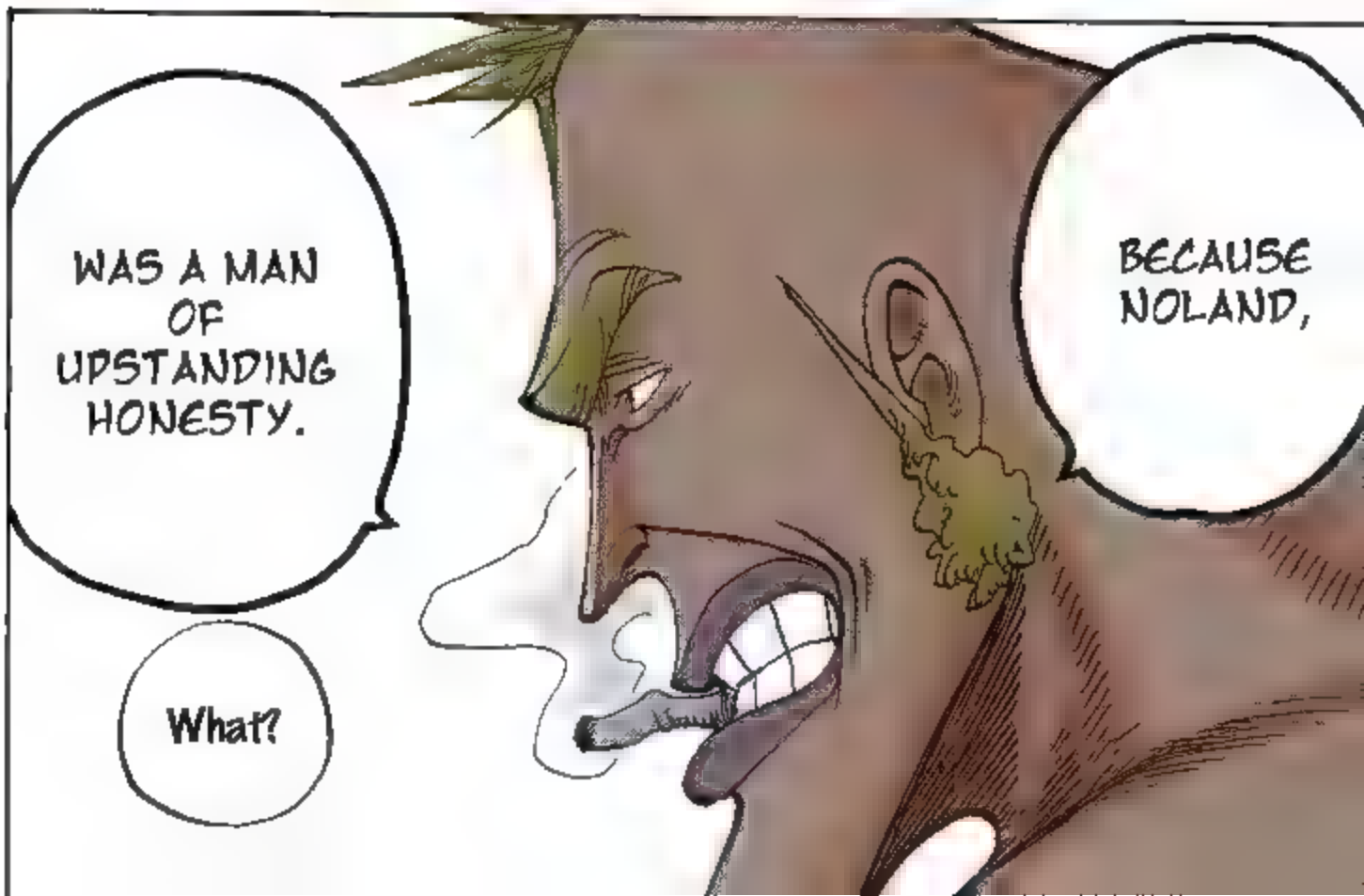


But not a single Montblanc member resents him...

Why's that?

The Montblanc family's been run out of that kingdom,

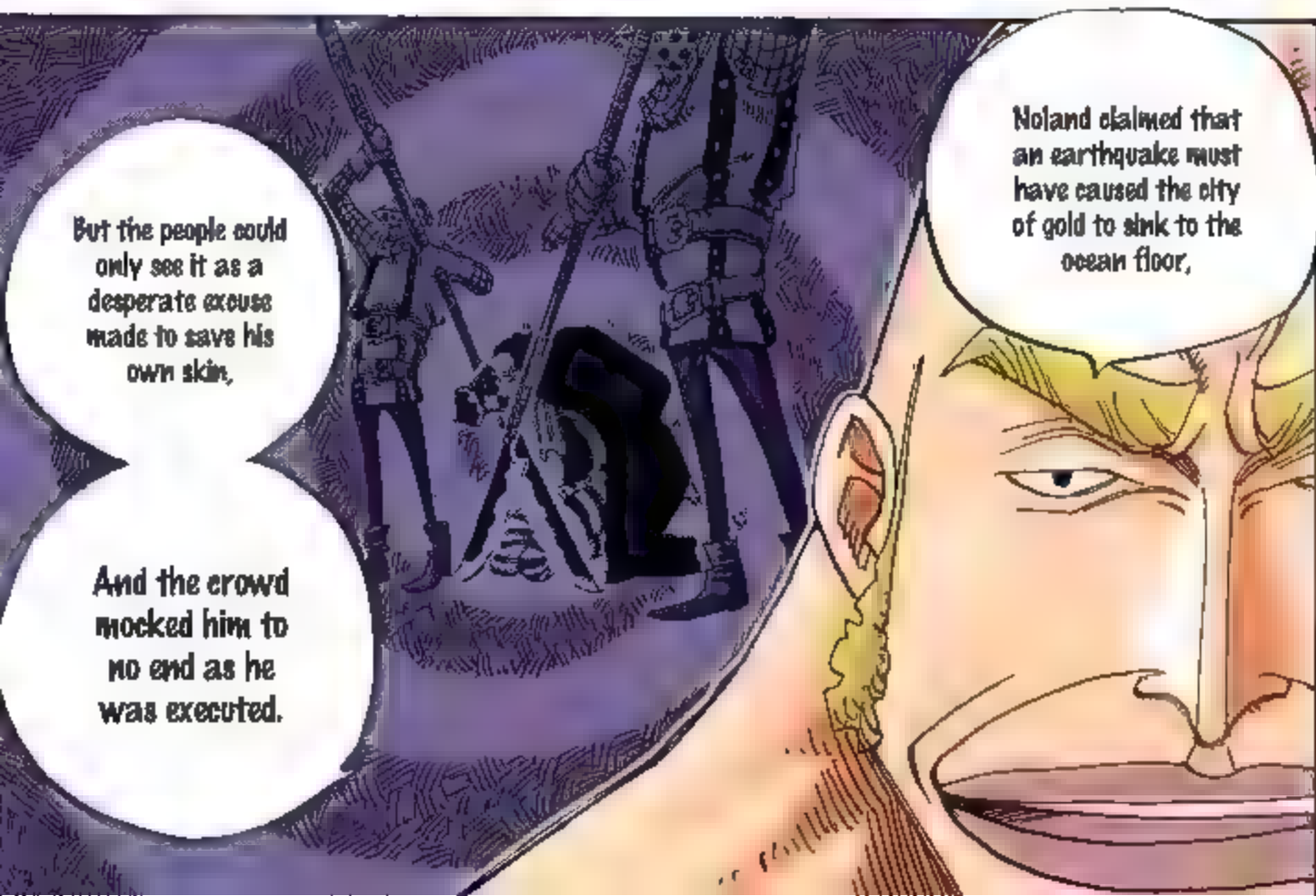
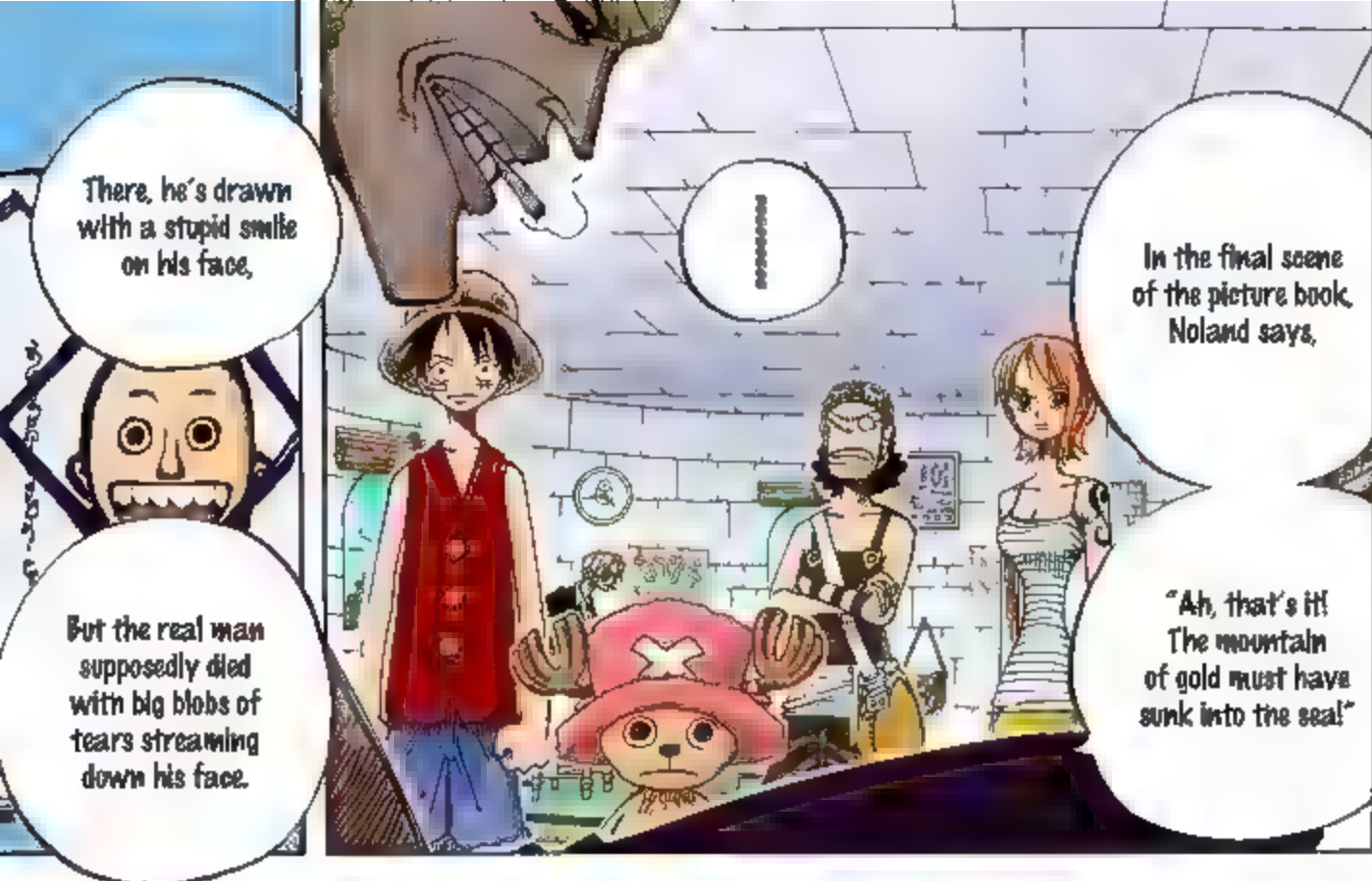
But their abuse and humiliation by the people's hands still continues...



WAS A MAN OF UPSTANDING HONESTY.

What?

BECAUSE NOLAND,



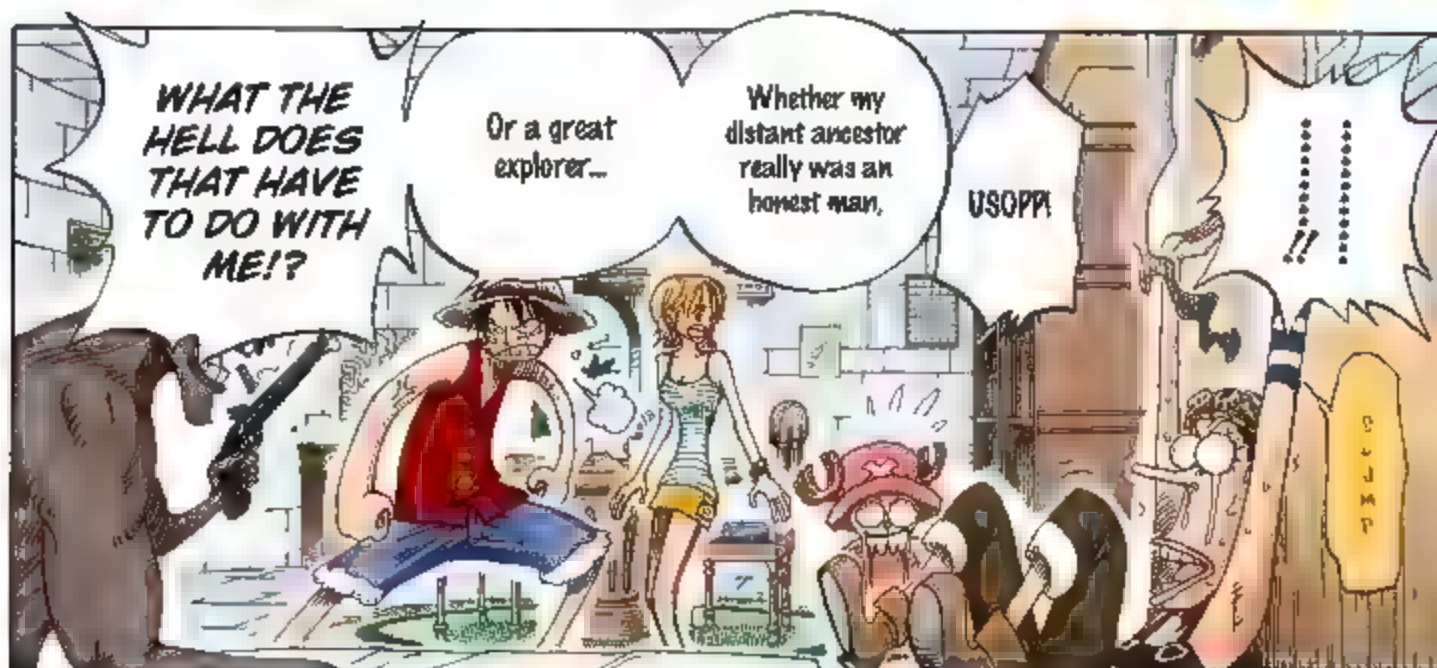


**DON'T BE
STUPID!**



So that you could
wipe away your
family's dishonour?

So then! Have you
come here in search
of the golden city at
the ocean floor,



**WHAT THE
HELL DOES
THAT HAVE
TO DO WITH
ME!?**

Or a great
explorer...

Whether my
distant ancestor
really was an
honest man,

USOPPA

!!!

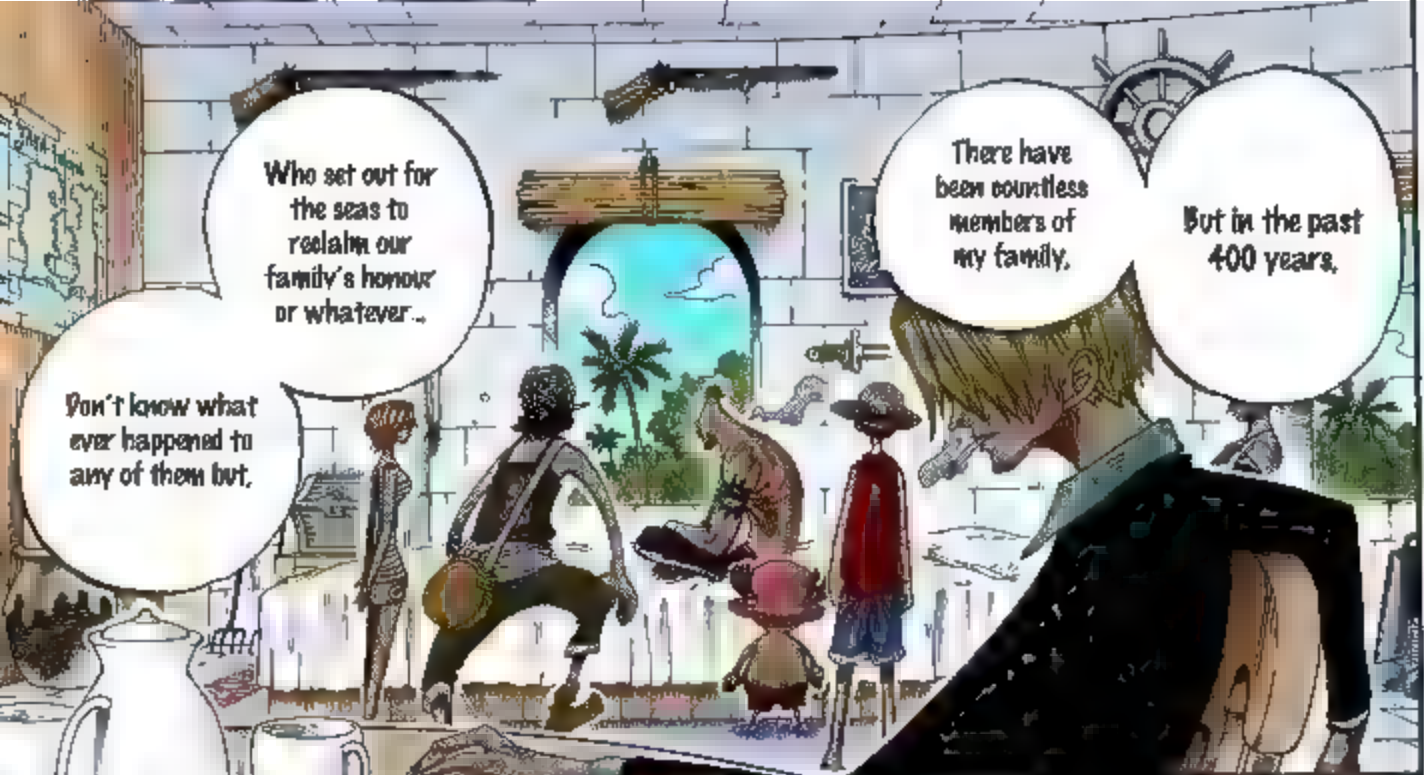


**WHO'S HAD TO
GROW UP BEING
INSULTED AND
LAUGHED AT
BY EVERY
STRANGER,**

**WHAT
WOULD
YOU
KNOW,**

**JUST
BECAUSE HE
HAPPENED TO
SHARE THE
SAME BLOOD
AS THAT IDIOT!**

**ABOUT THE
FEELINGS
OF A CHILD,**

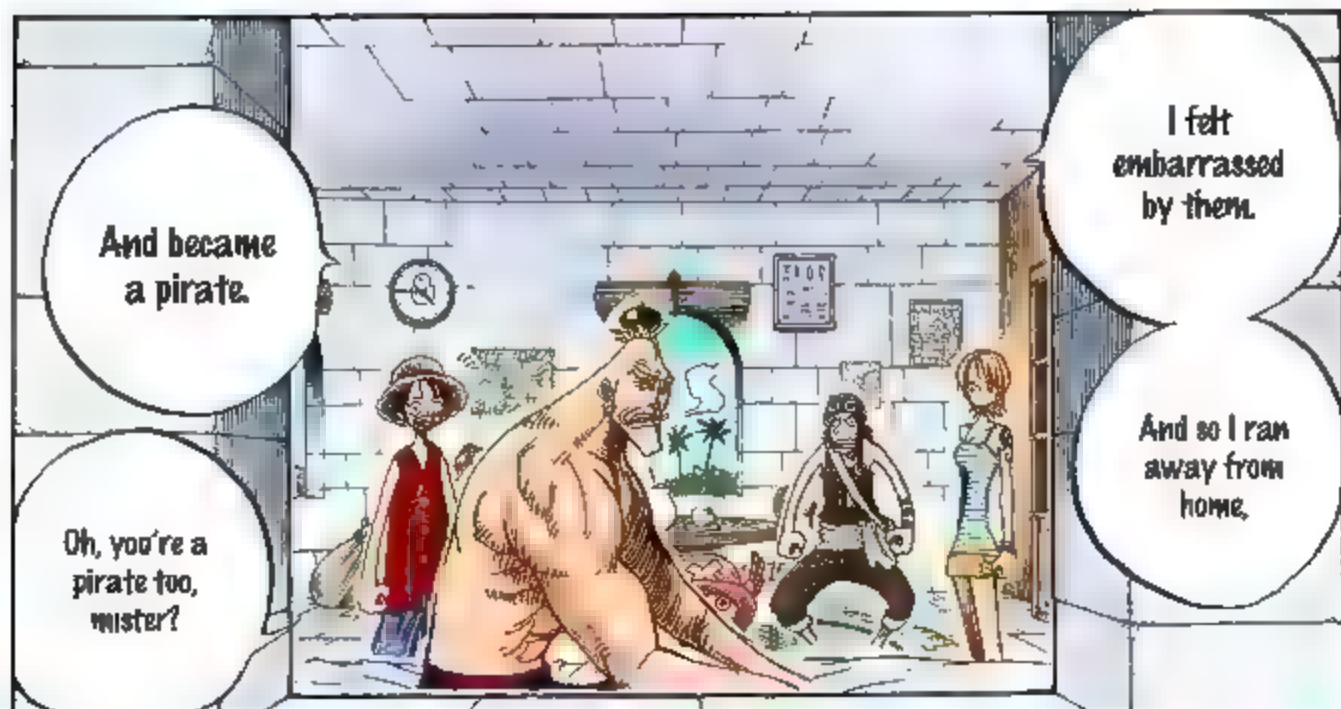


Who set out for
the seas to
reclaim our
family's honour
or whatever...

Don't know what
ever happened to
any of them but,

There have
been countless
members of
my family,

But in the past
400 years,

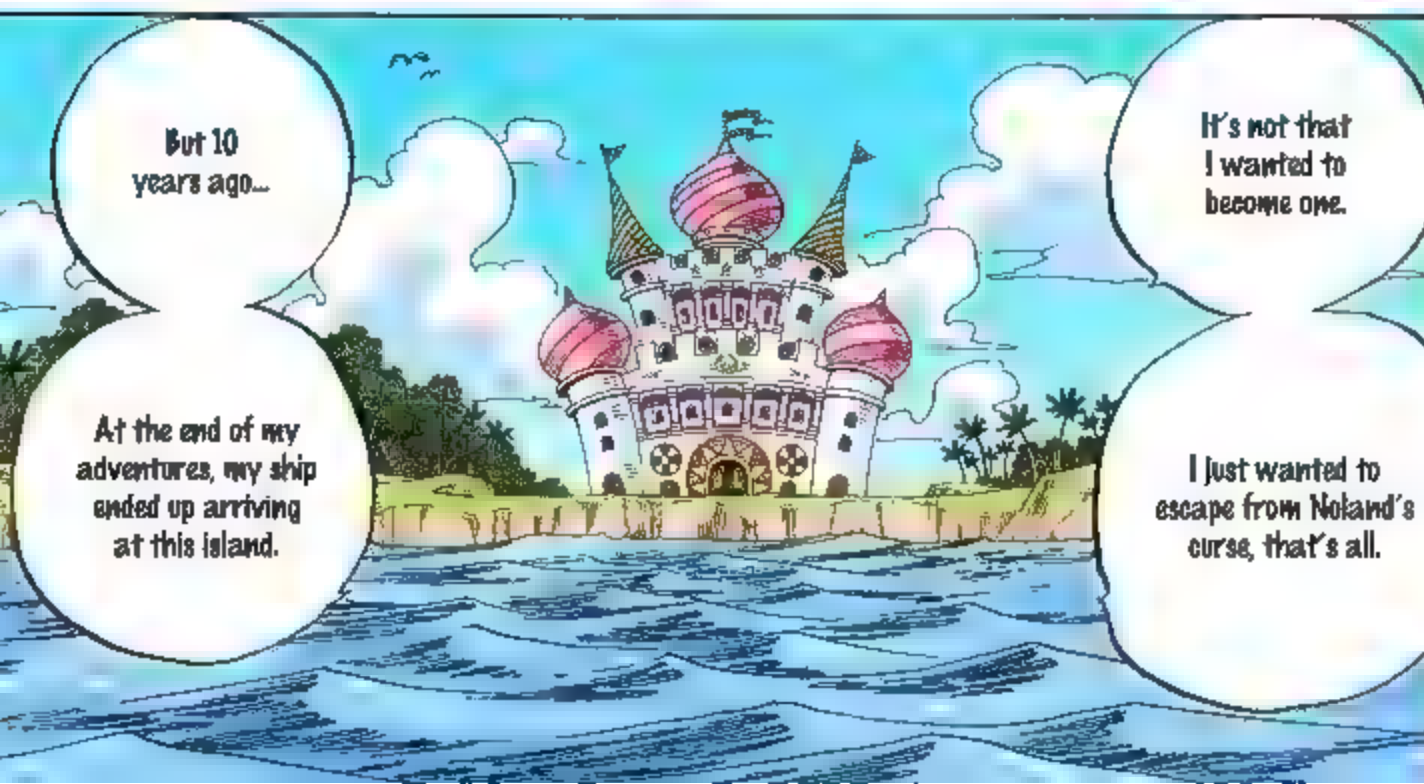


And became
a pirate.

Oh, you're a
pirate too,
mister?

I felt
embarrassed
by them.

And so I ran
away from
home,

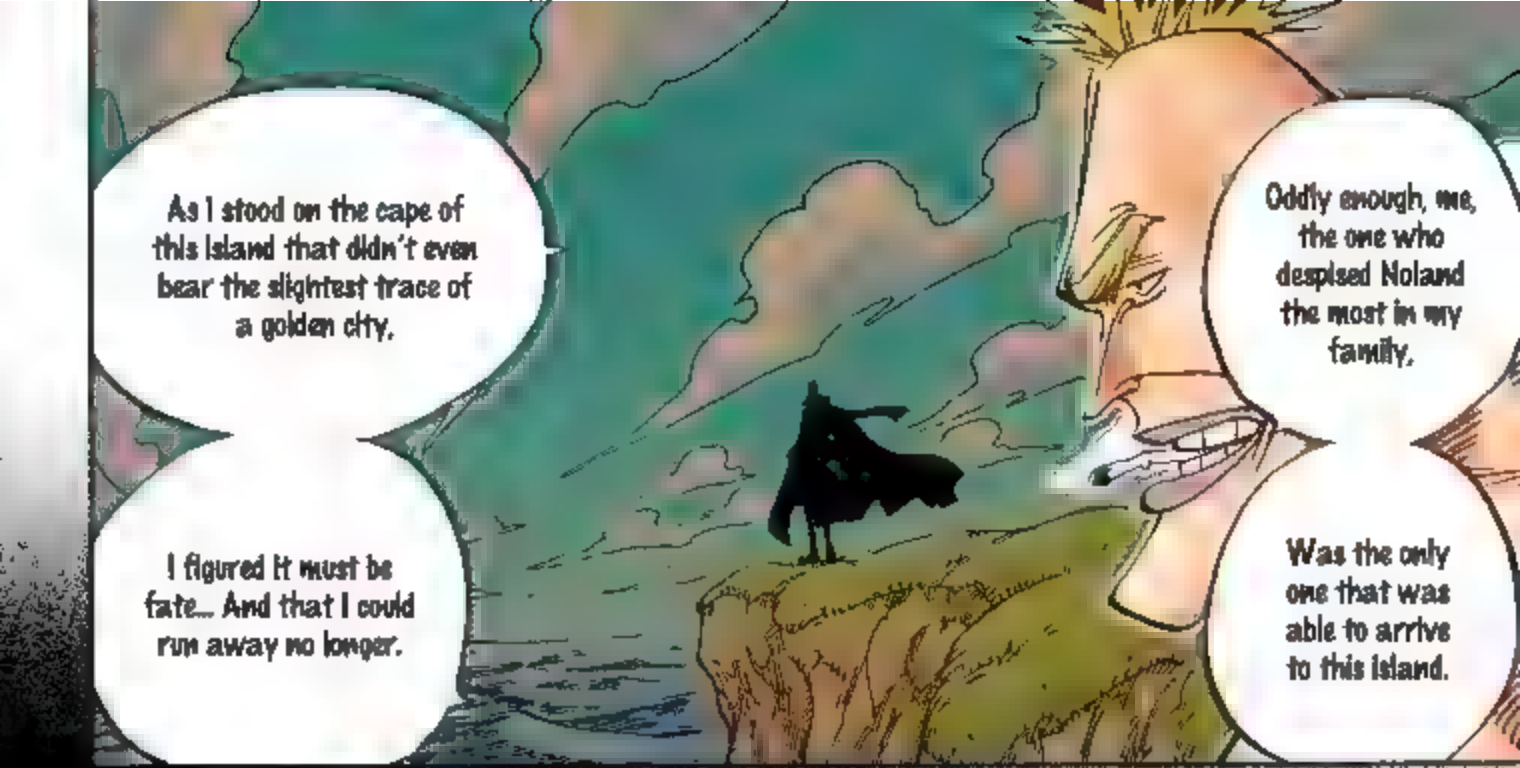


But 10
years ago...

At the end of my
adventures, my ship
ended up arriving
at this island.

It's not that
I wanted to
become one.

I just wanted to
escape from Noland's
curse, that's all.



As I stood on the cape of
this island that didn't even
bear the slightest trace of
a golden city,

Oddly enough, me,
the one who
despised Noland
the most in my
family,


I figured it must be
fate... And that I could
run away no longer.

Was the only
one that was
able to arrive
to this island.



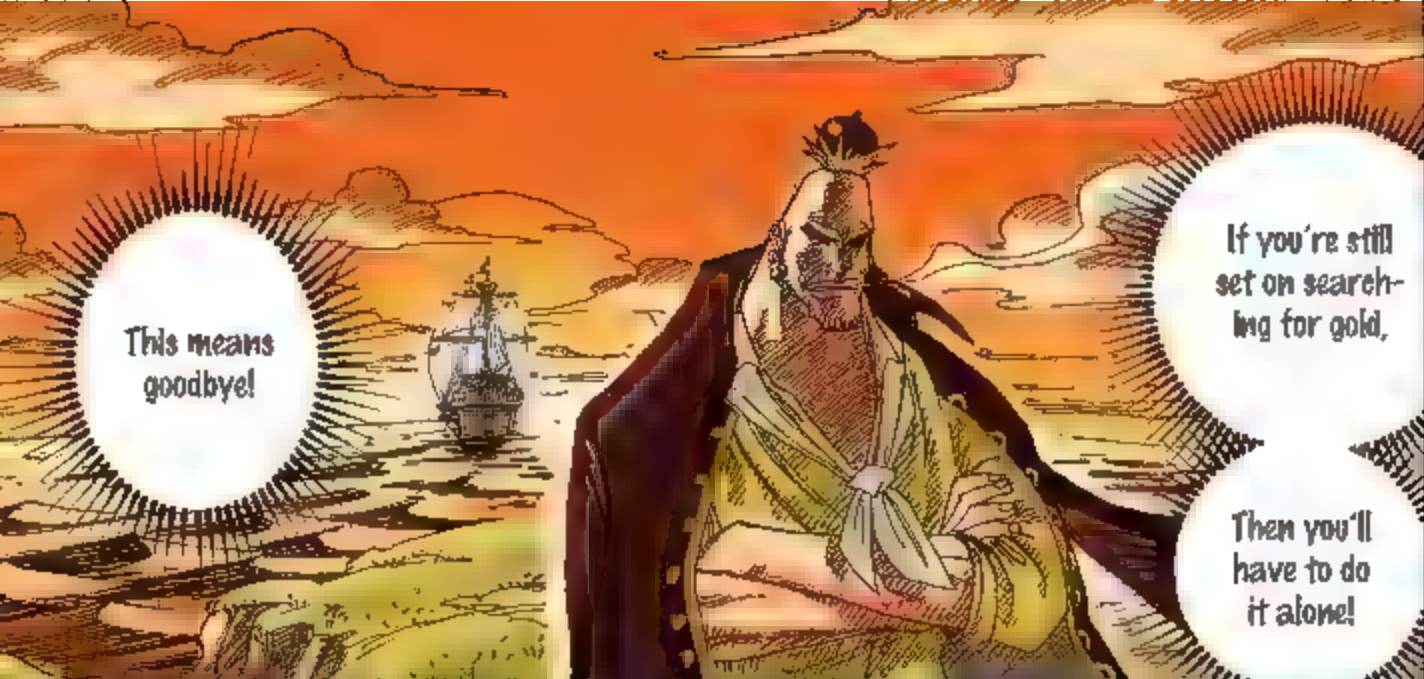
LET'S
SETTLE
THIS,

NOLAND.



Captain... We've got
no desire to get
involved with your
family's problems!

What kind of
joke is this!?



This means
goodbye!

If you're still
set on search-
ing for gold,

Then you'll
have to do
it alone!



I didn't
come here
to find gold,

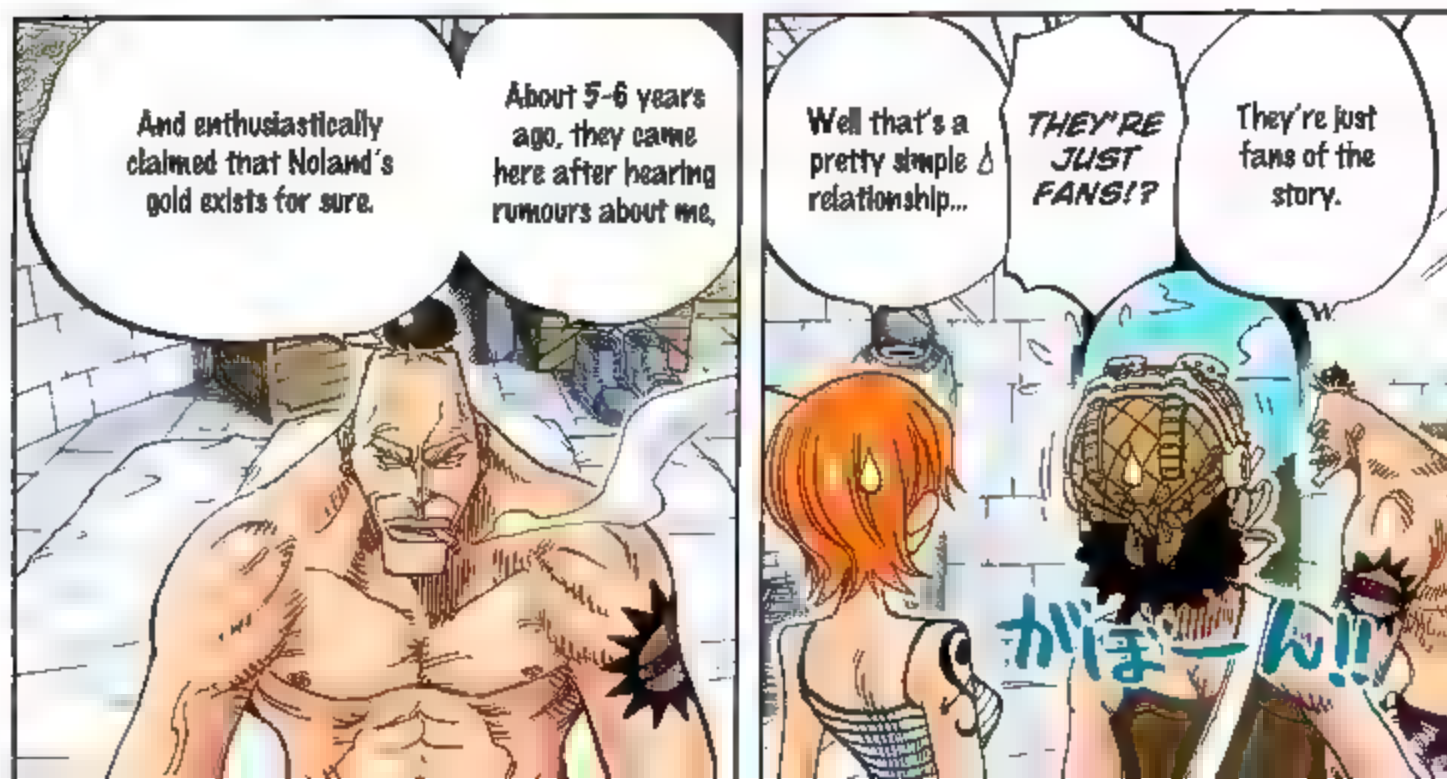
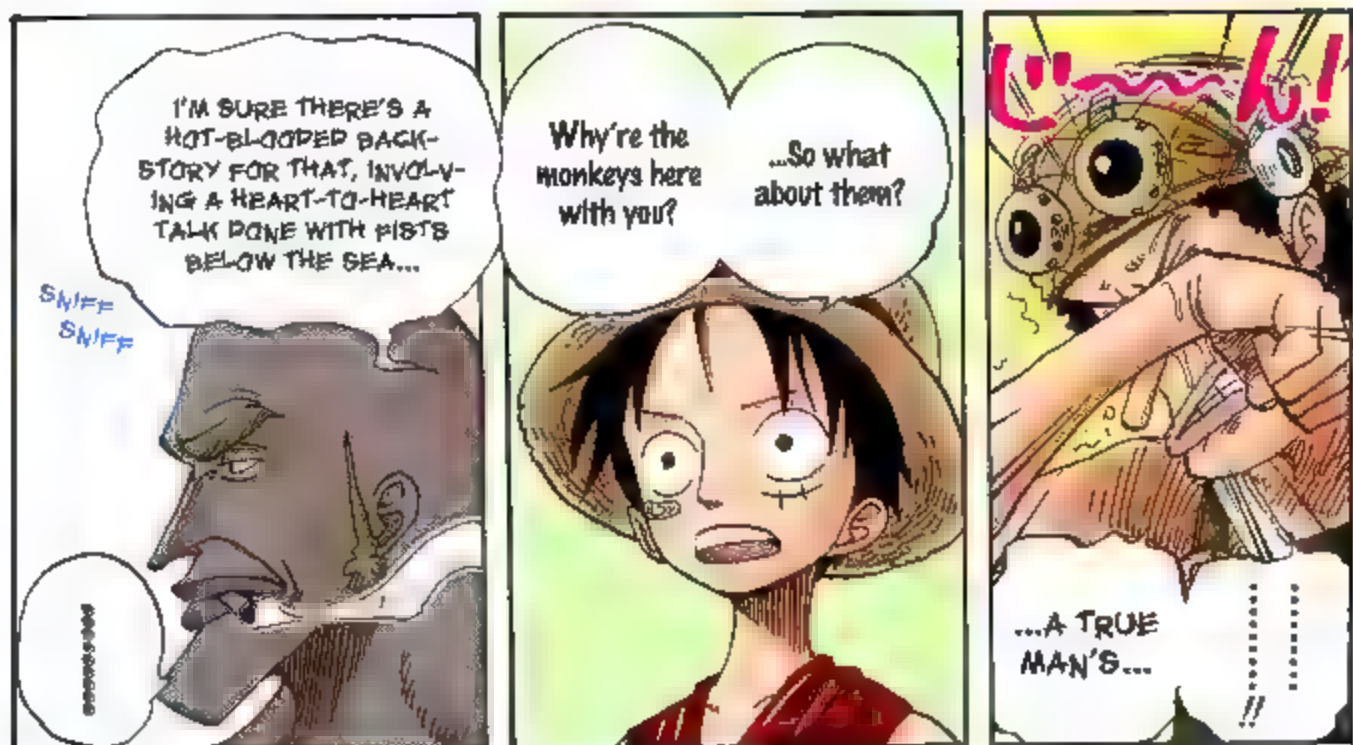
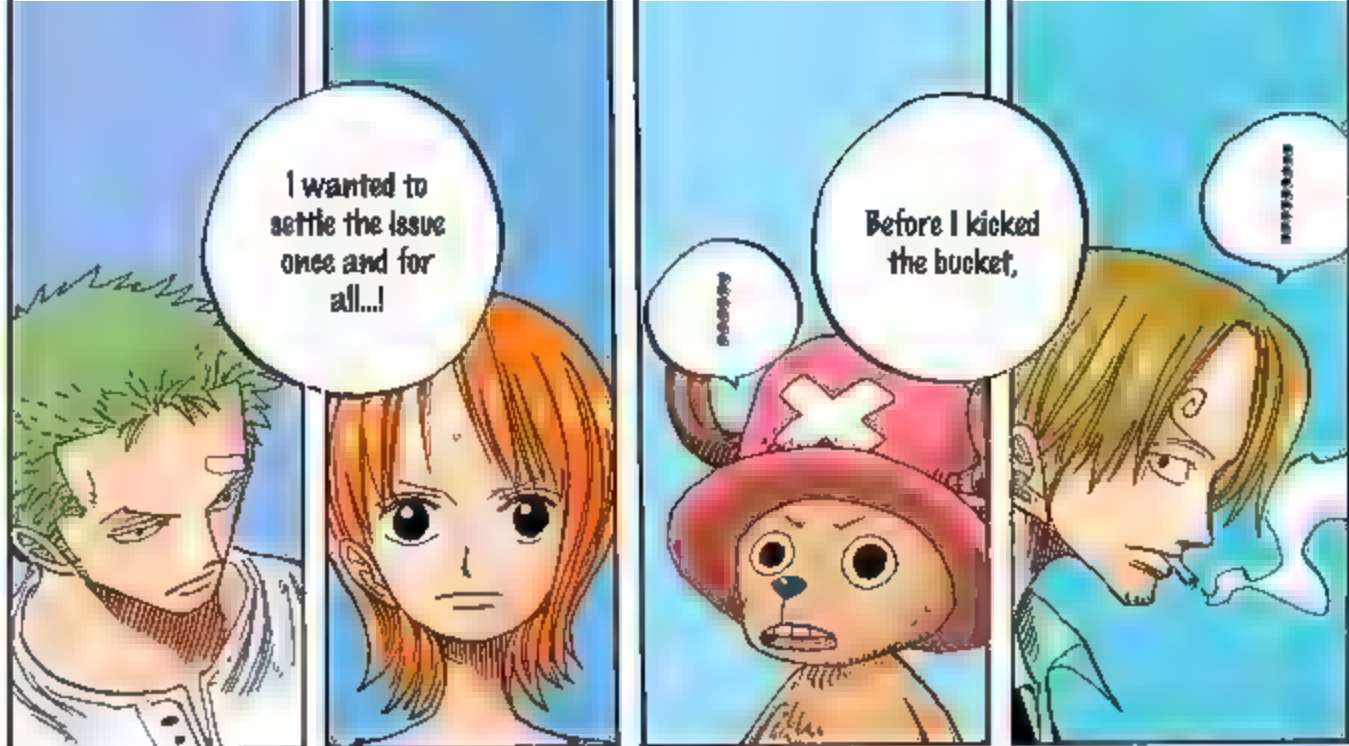
I didn't care if
there really was
gold or not...

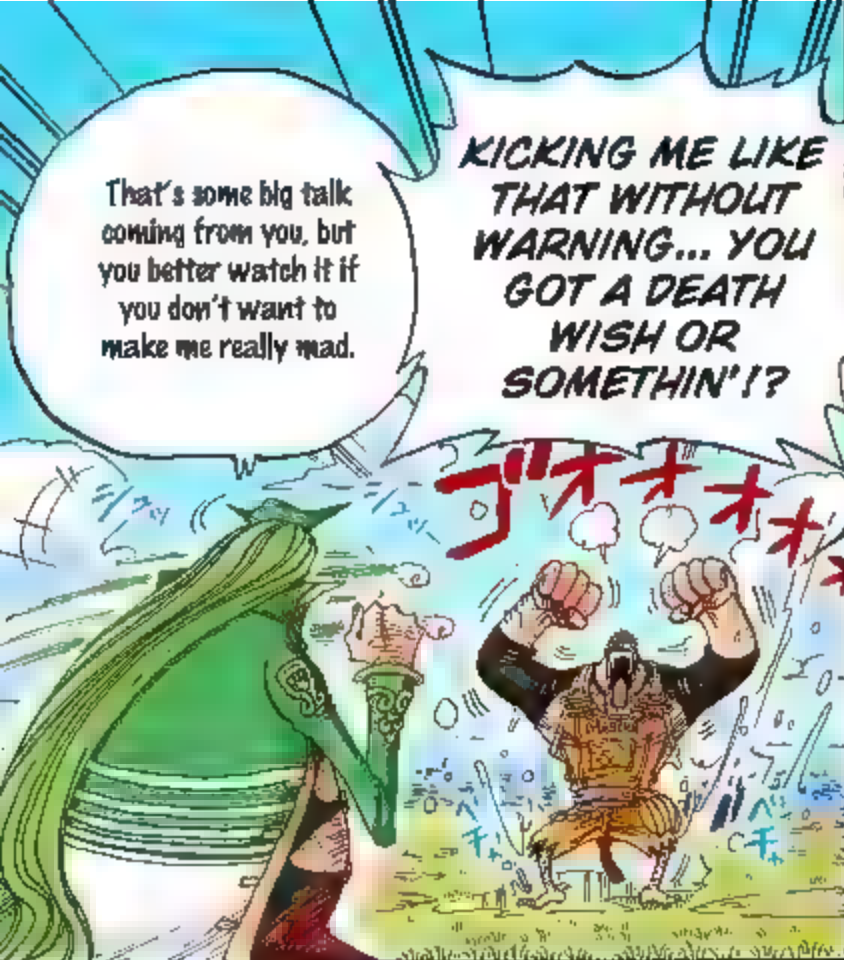
And clear up
my ancestor's
name



And the man
who had
ruined my life.

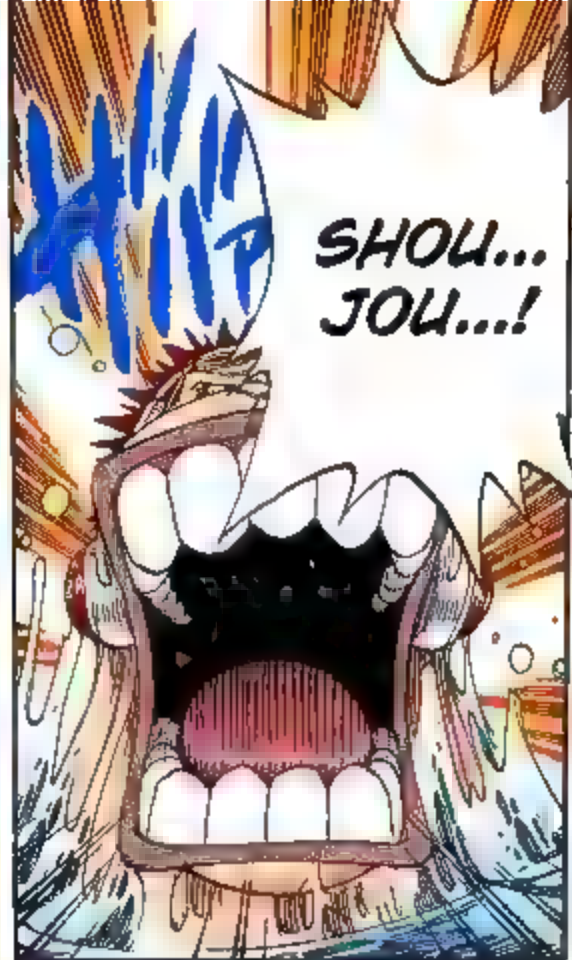
It was a personal
fight between me,



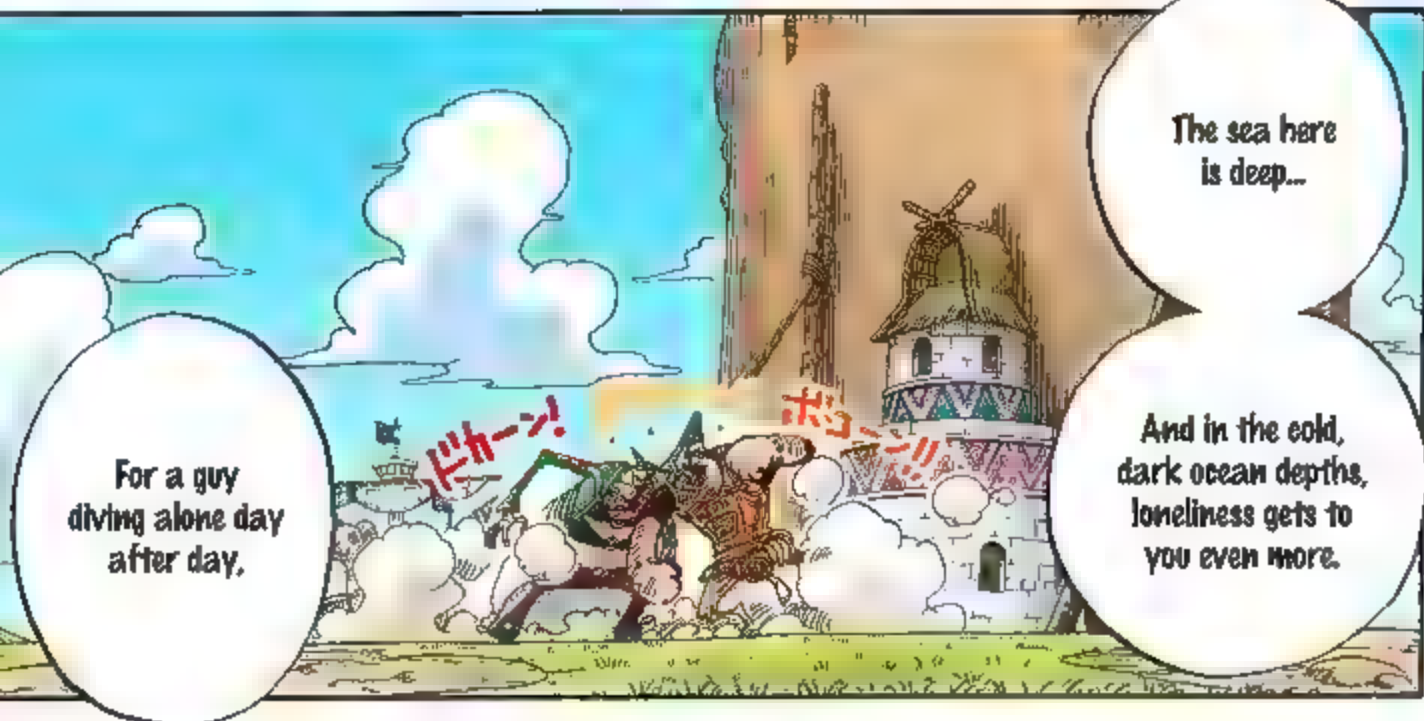


That's some big talk coming from you, but you better watch it if you don't want to make me really mad.

KICKING ME LIKE THAT WITHOUT WARNING... YOU GOT A DEATH WISH OR SOMETHIN'!?



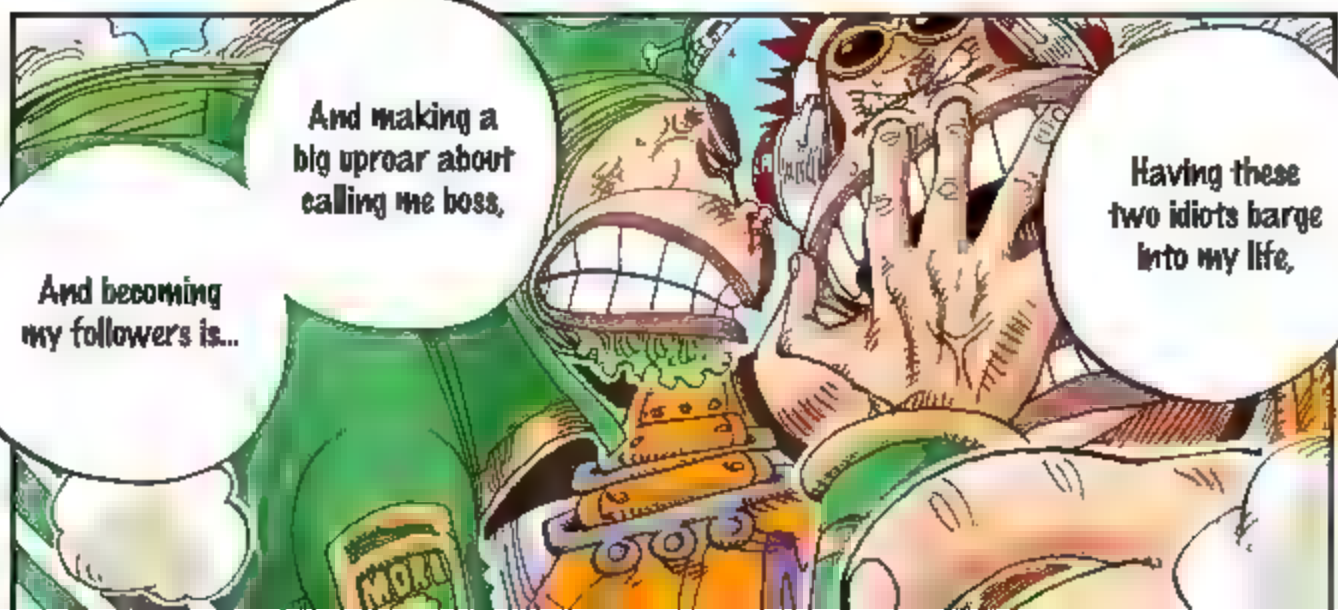
SHOU... JOU...!



For a guy diving alone day after day,

The sea here is deep...

And in the cold, dark ocean depths, loneliness gets to you even more.



And becoming my followers is...

And making a big uproar about calling me boss,

Having these two idiots barge into my life,



IT REALLY
LIFTS A MAN...

HONESTLY,

YOU
UNDER-
STAND?



LIKE I WAS
SAYING...

GAHH-



**YOU JUST
STAY QUIET!**

Right, well,
leaving
aside the
monkey
talk-

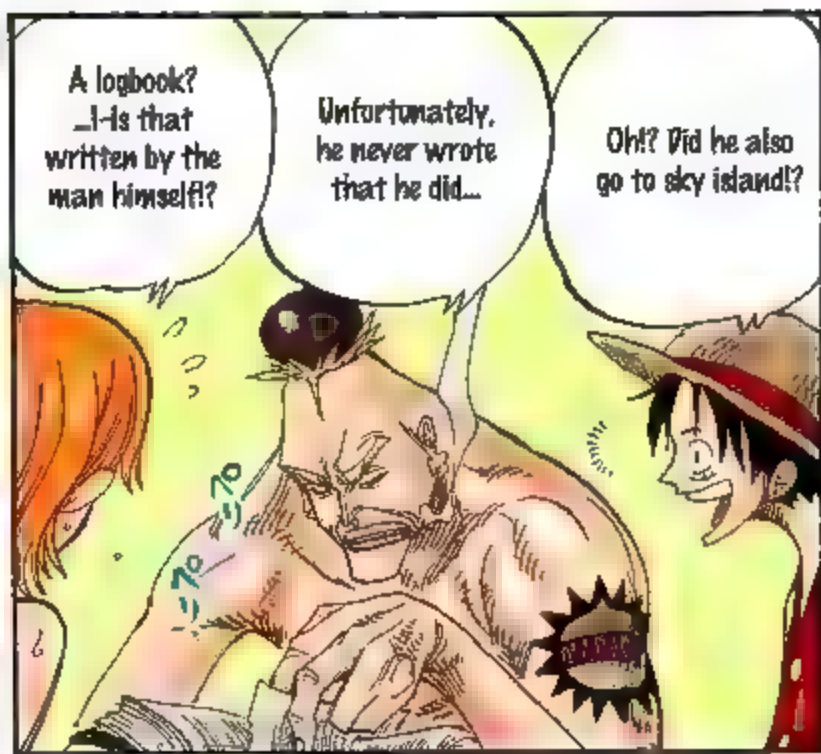
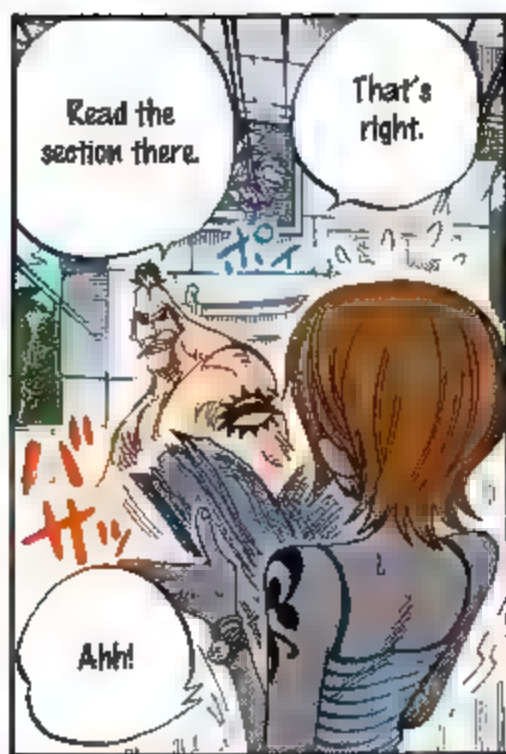
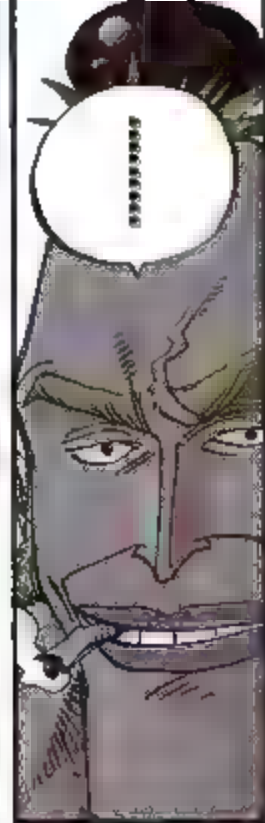
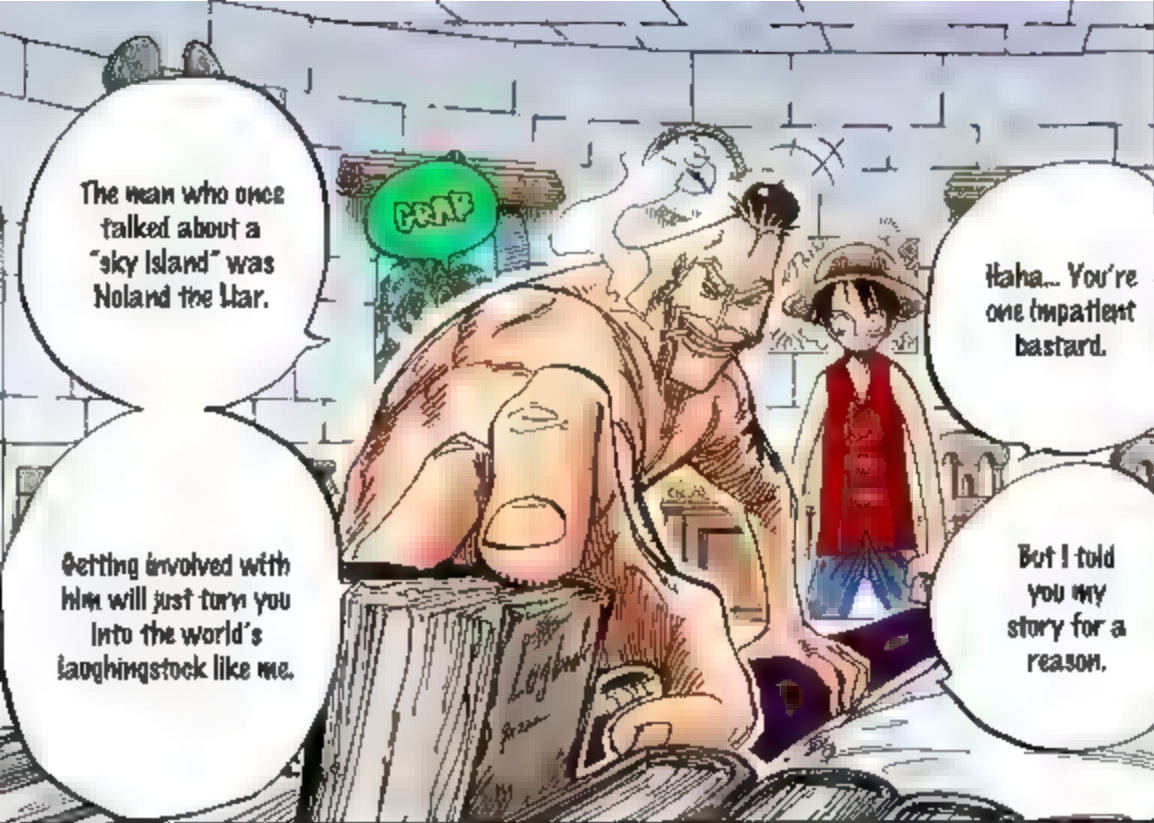


YES, I
UNDEstand!
TRUE FRIENDS
DON'T NEED
ANYTHING
MORE TO-

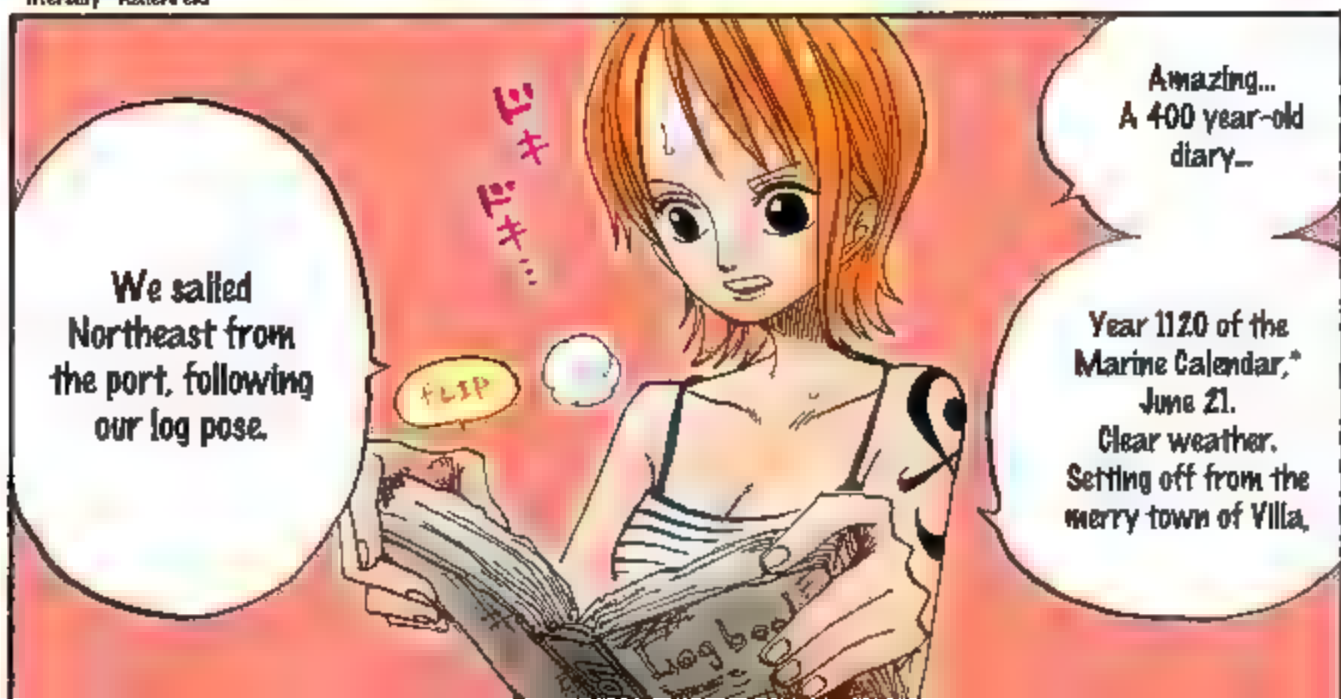


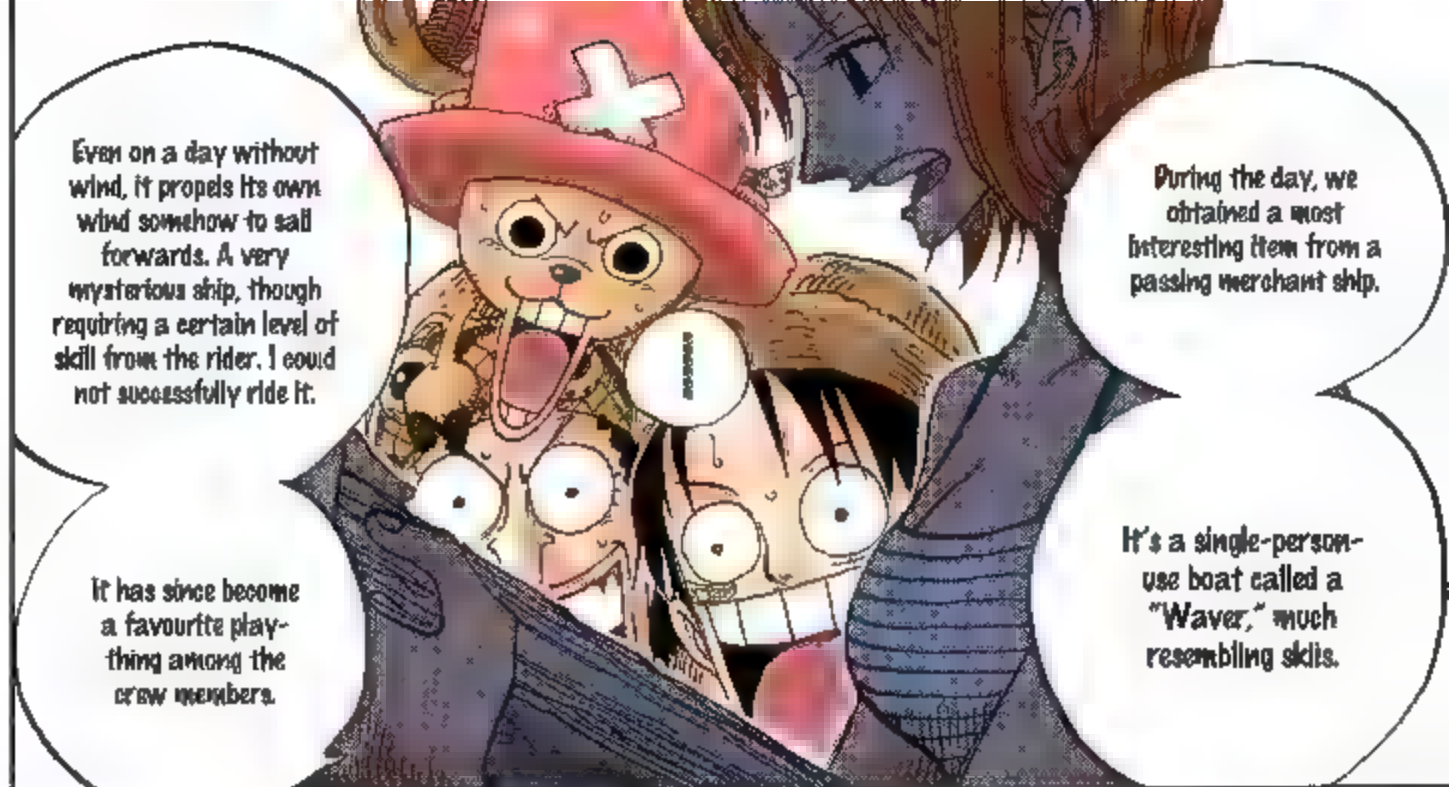
**HOW TO
GO TO
SKY
ISLAND!**

**I JUST
WANT
TO
KNOW,**



*literally "Kalevski"



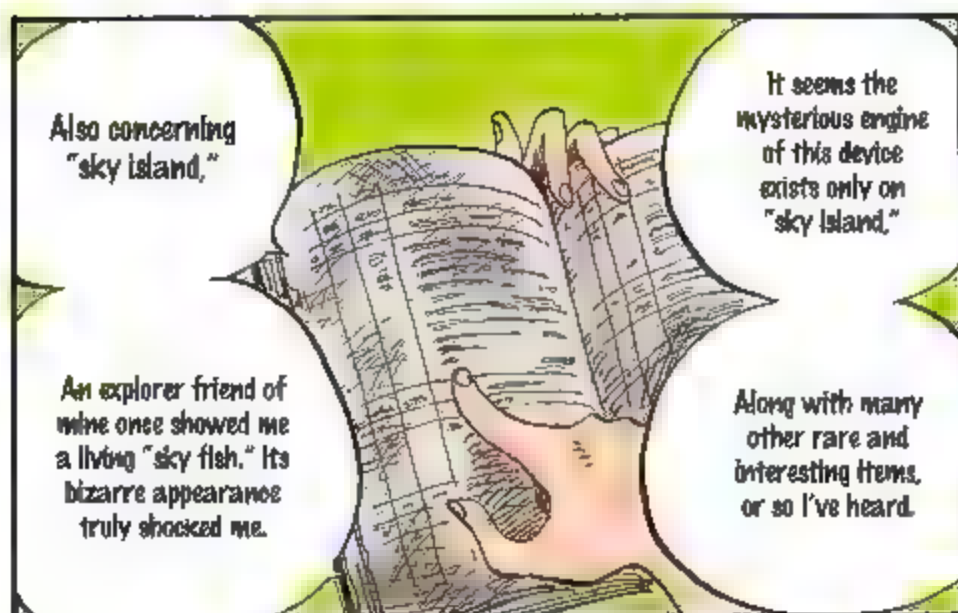


Even on a day without wind, it propels its own wind somehow to sail forwards. A very mysterious ship, though requiring a certain level of skill from the rider. I could not successfully ride it.

During the day, we obtained a most interesting item from a passing merchant ship.

It has since become a favourite play-thing among the crew members.

It's a single-person-use boat called a "Waver," much resembling skis.



Also concerning "sky island,"

It seems the mysterious engine of this device exists only on "sky island."

An explorer friend of mine once showed me a living "sky fish." Its bizarre appearance truly shocked me.

Along with many other rare and interesting items, or so I've heard.



ENOUGH ABOUT THAT, KEEP READING!

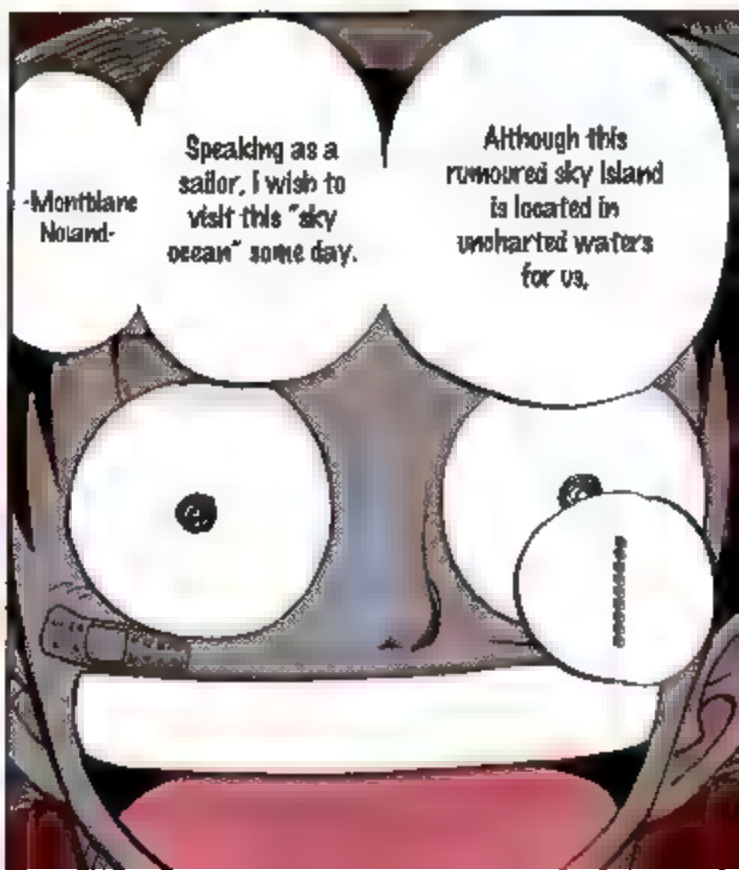
Whoa! What is this!? I want one too!



AND THE PEOPLE BACK THEN TALKED ABOUT IT AS IF THERE WERE NO DOUBTS ABOUT ITS EXISTENCE!

IT'S JUST AS ROBIN SAID!

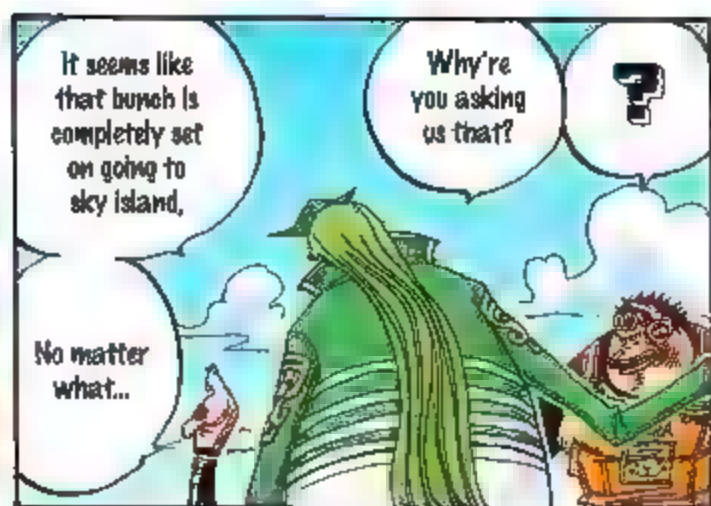
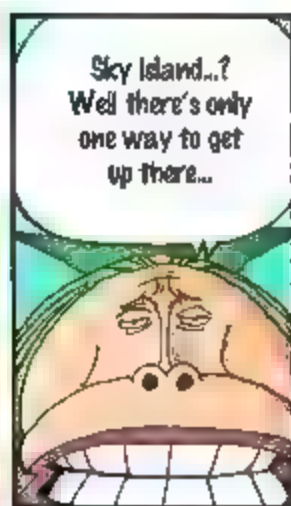
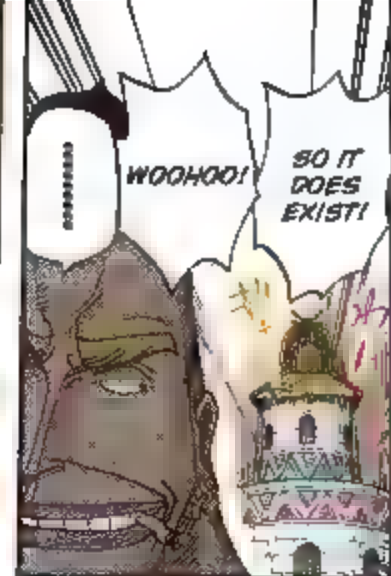
A sky ocean...?



Montblanc Noland-

Speaking as a sailor, I wish to visit this "sky ocean" some day.

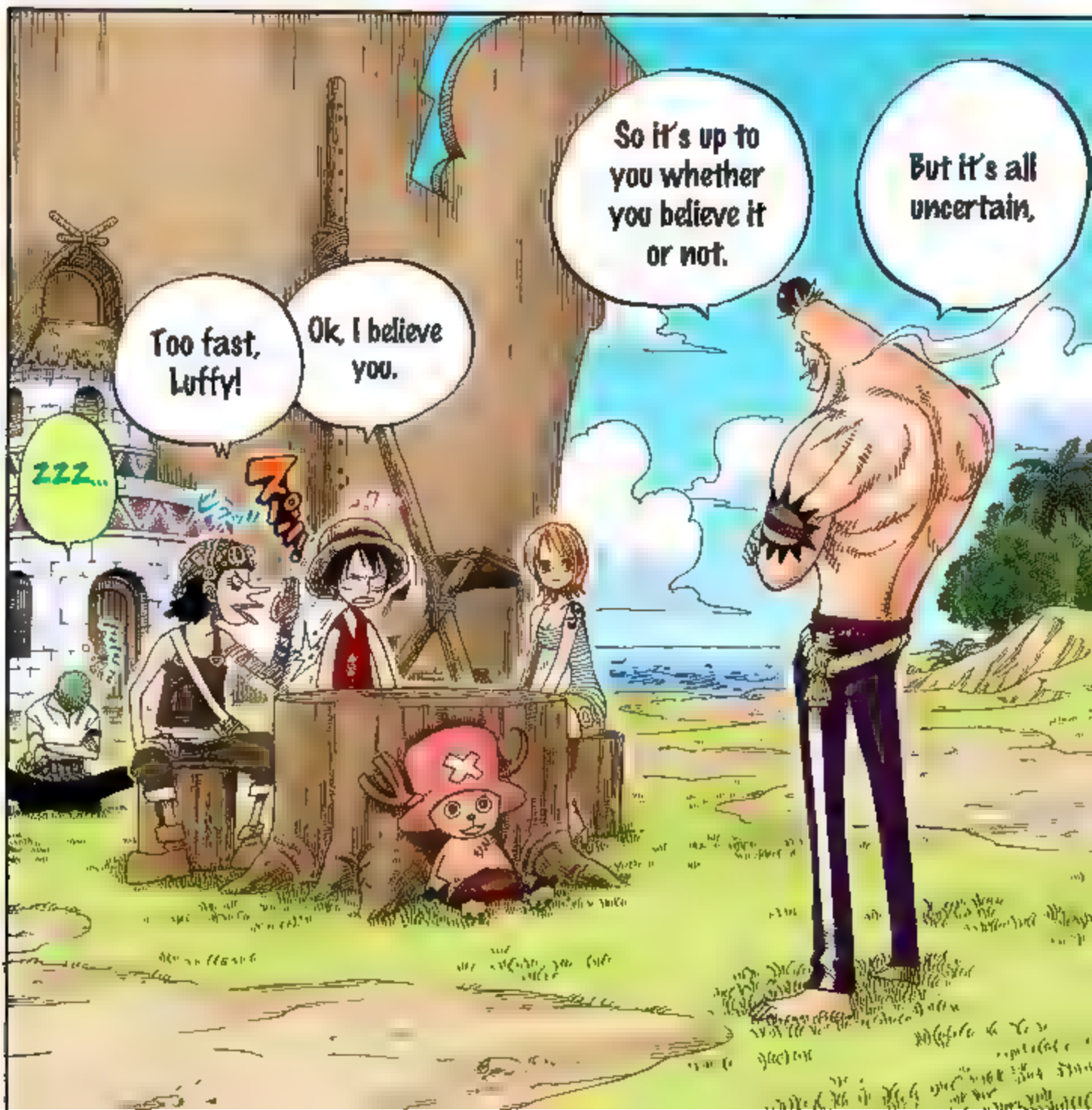
Although this rumoured sky island is located in uncharted waters for us,

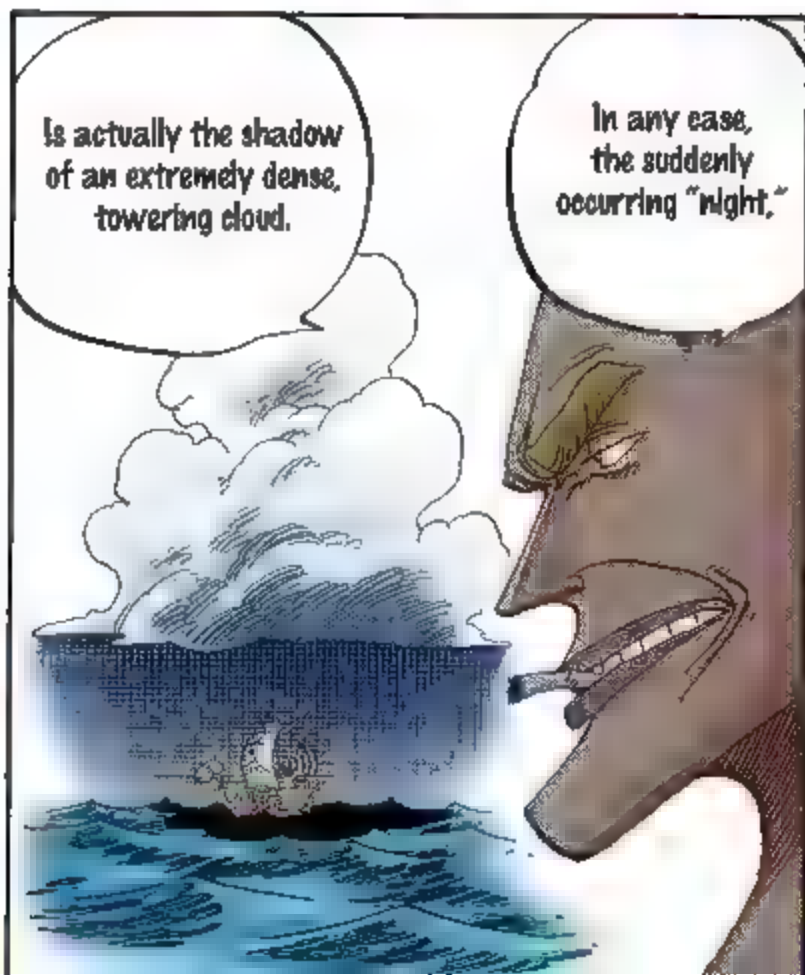
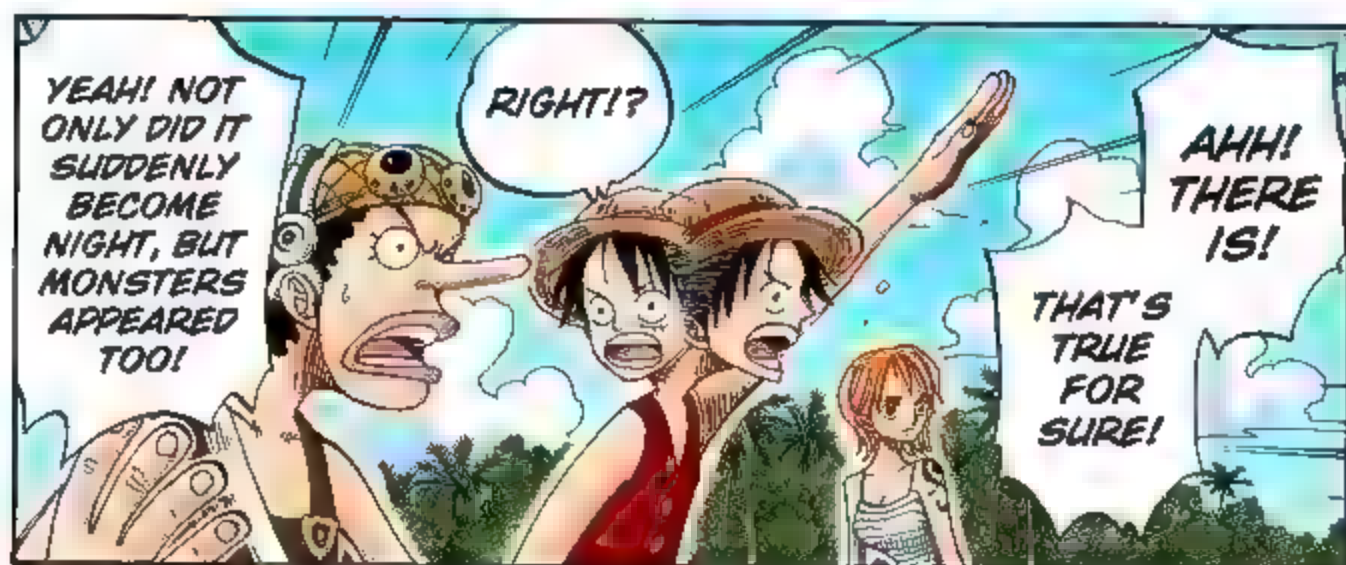
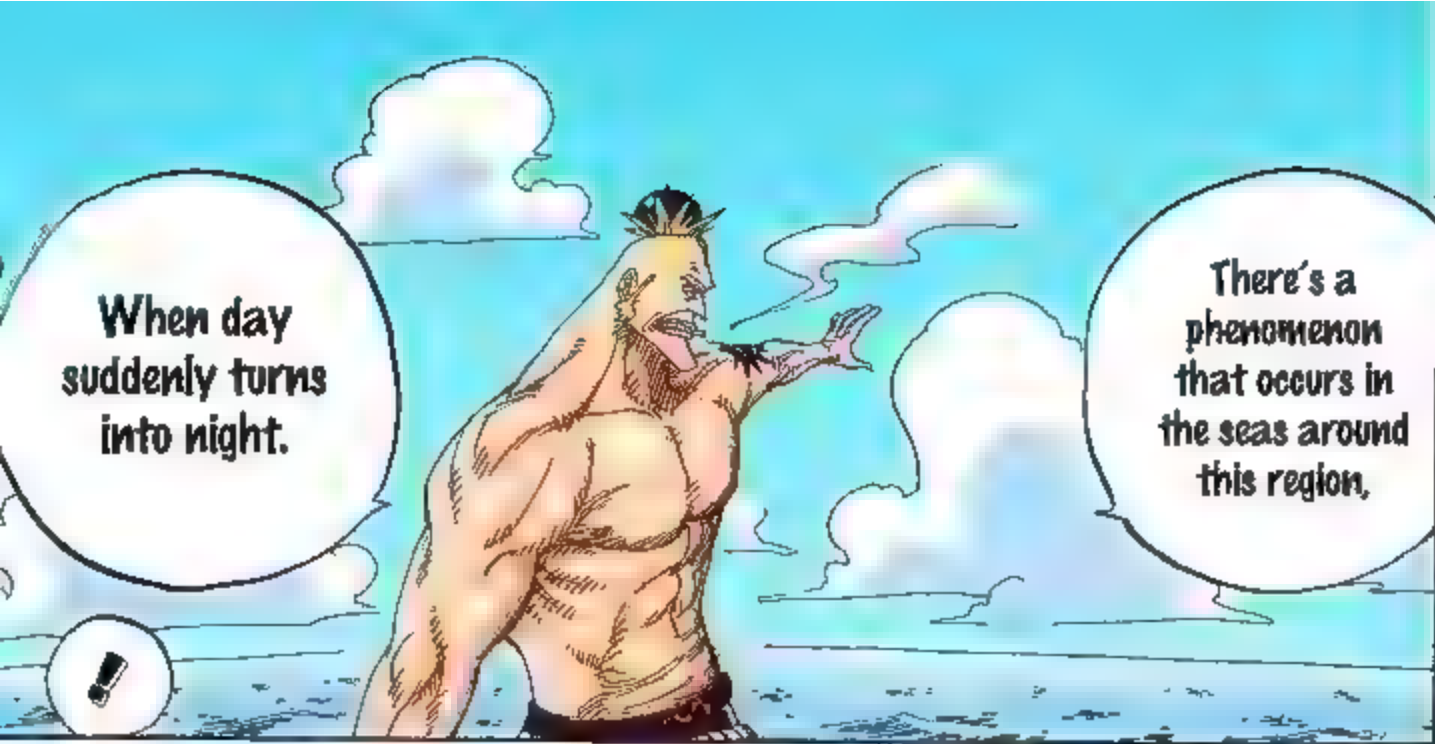


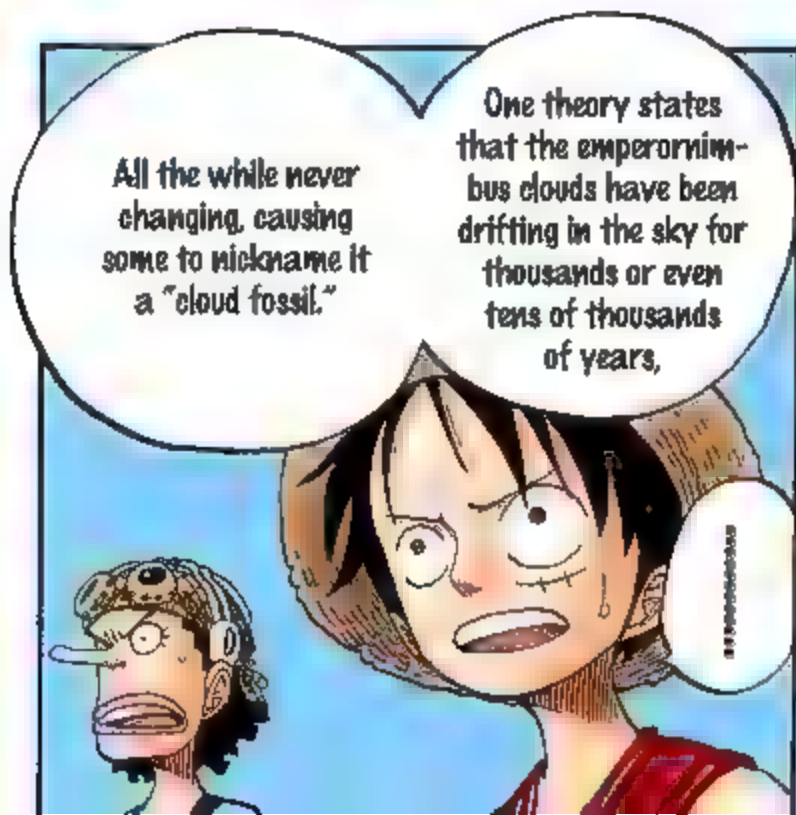
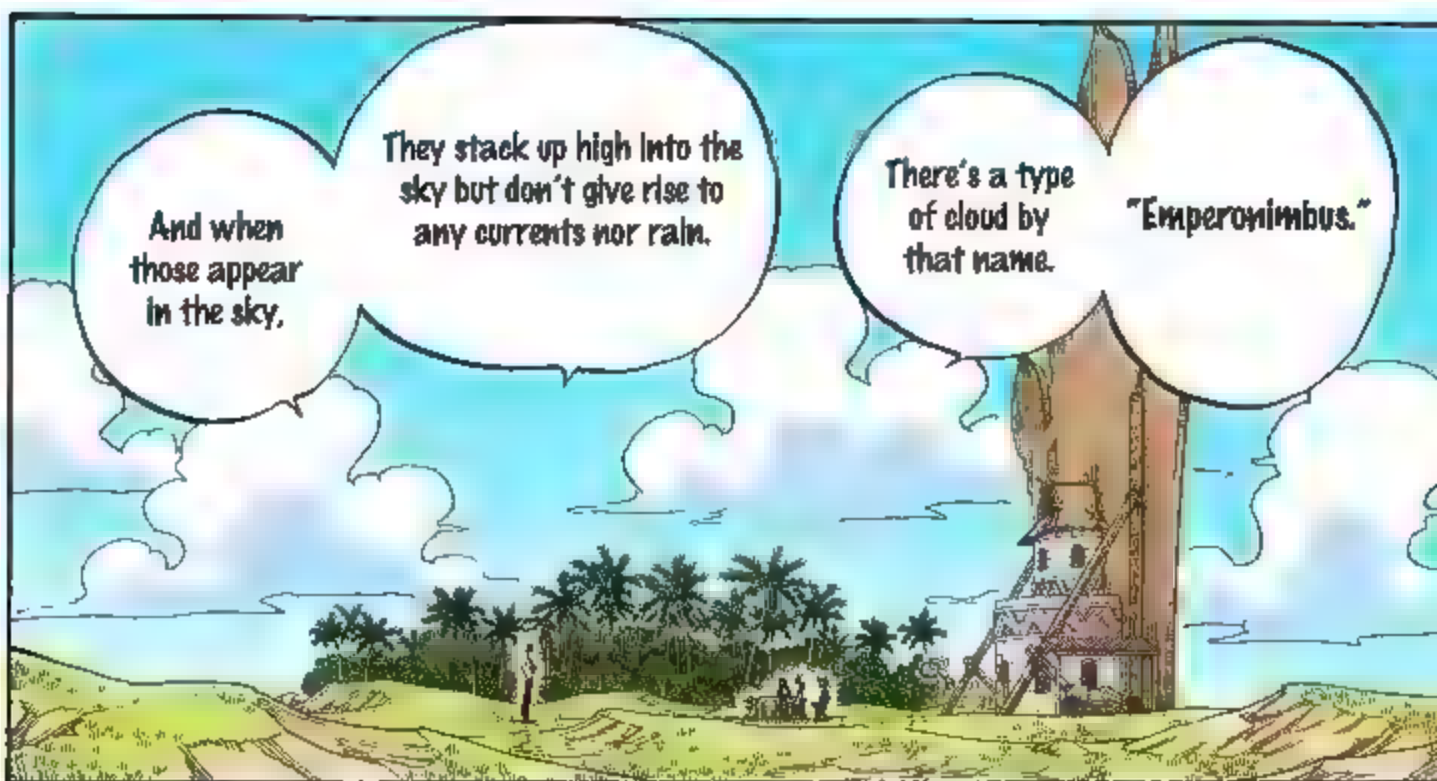
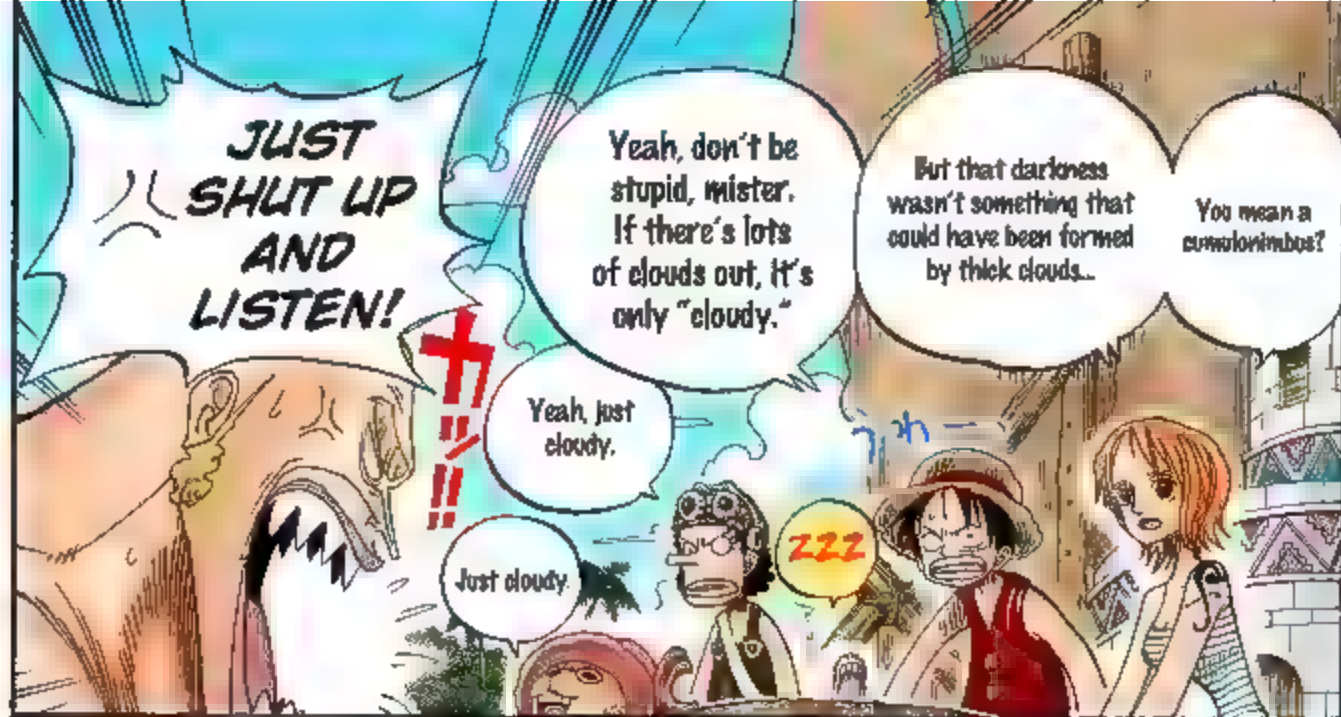
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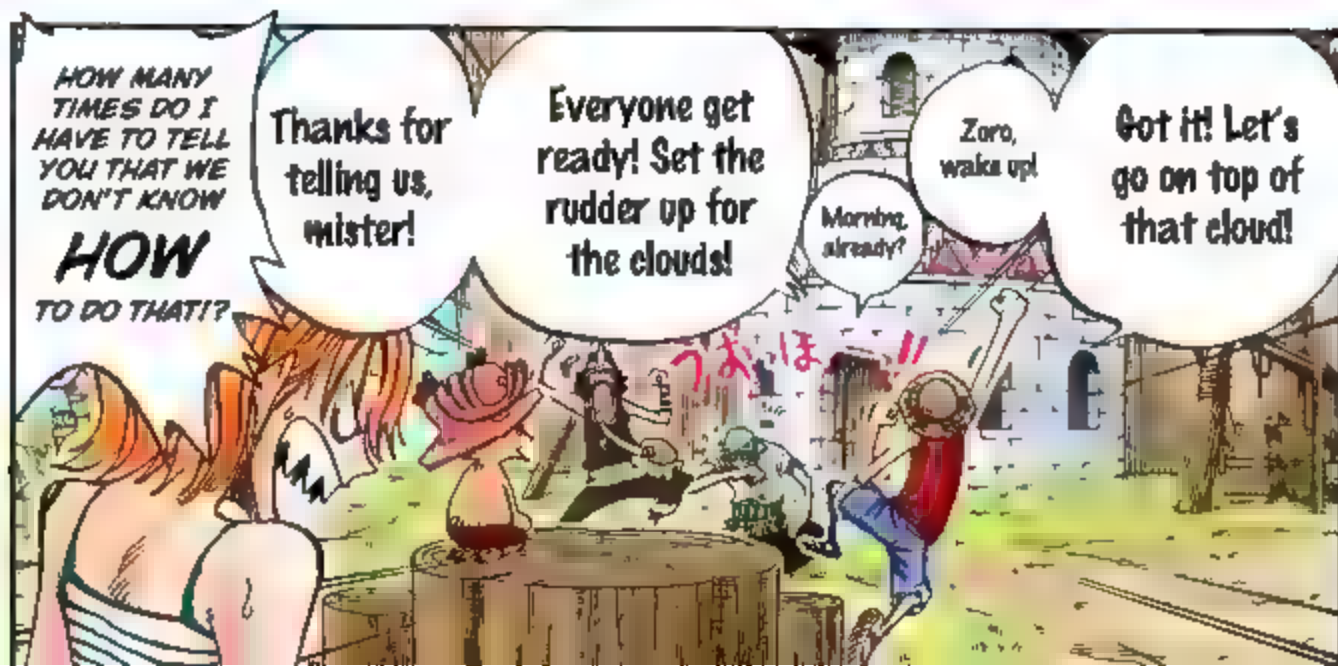
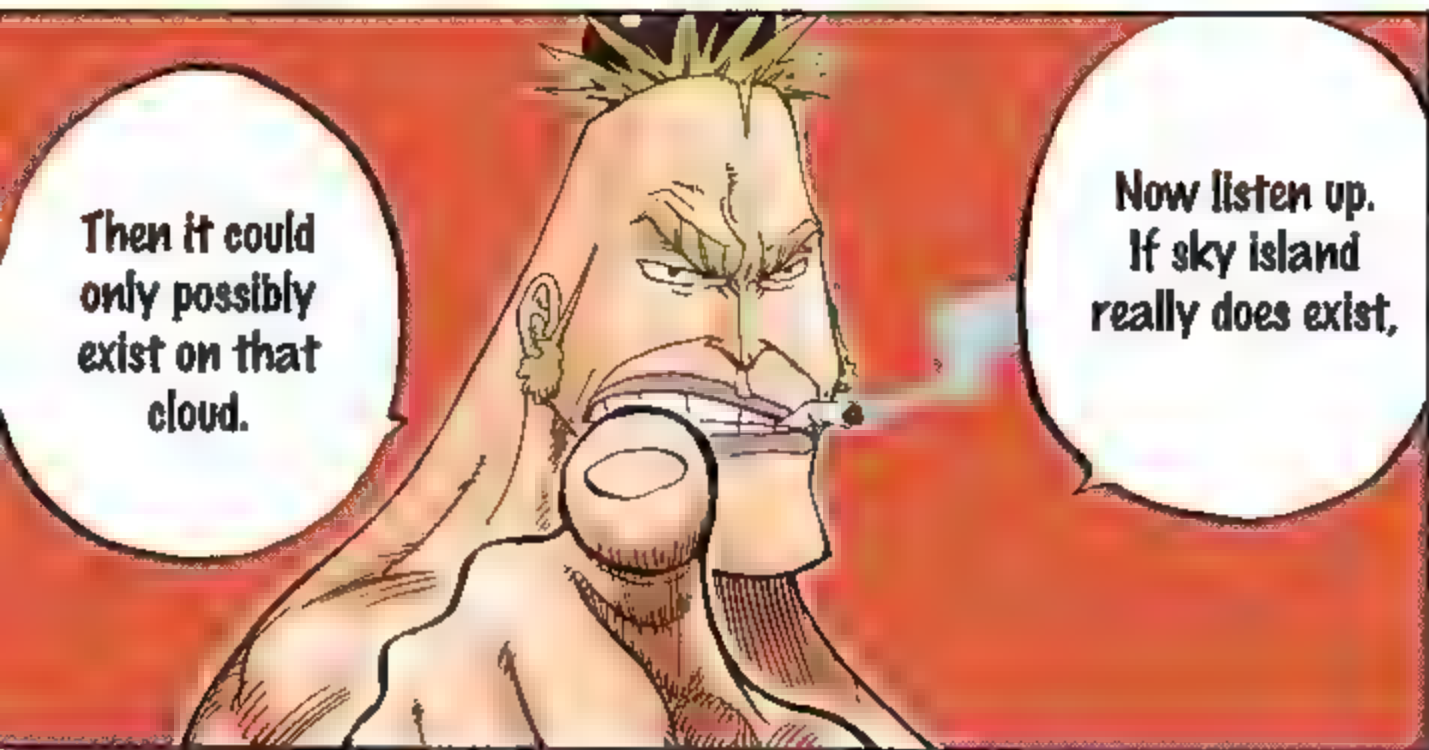
“Let’s Eat”

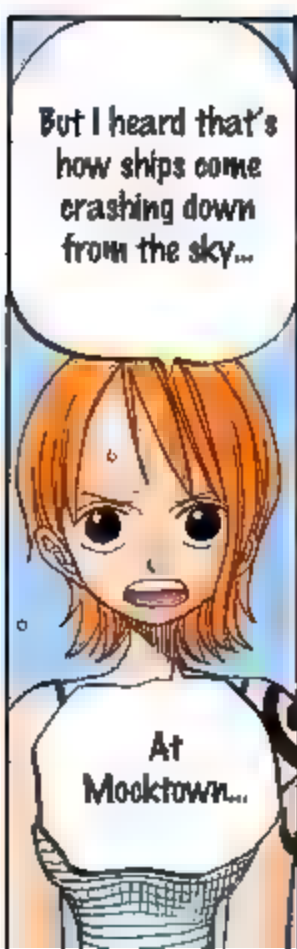
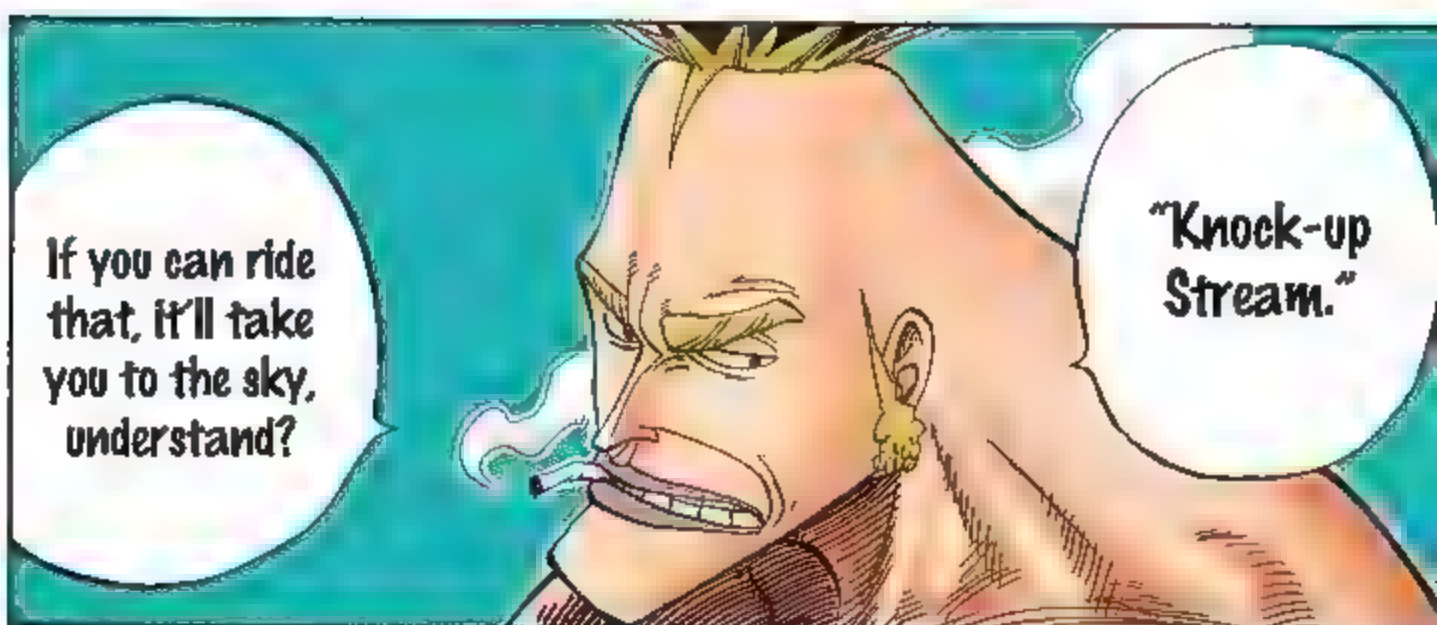
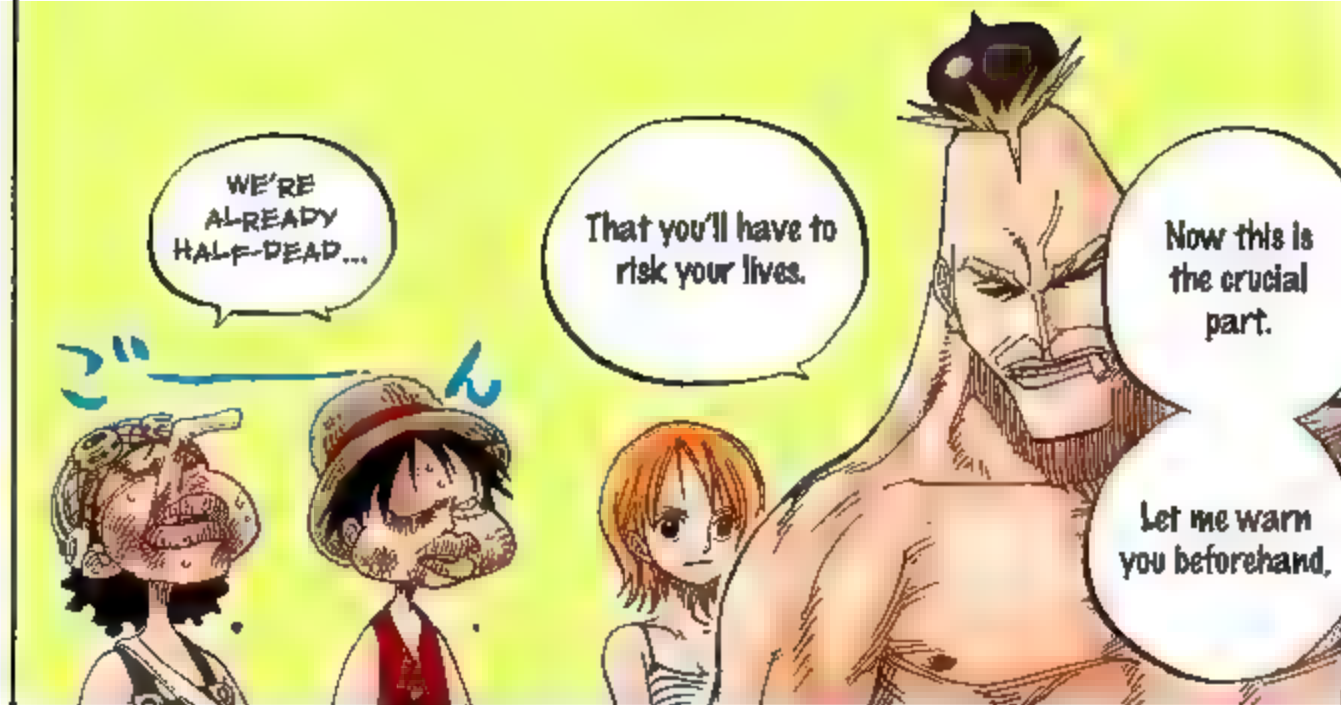


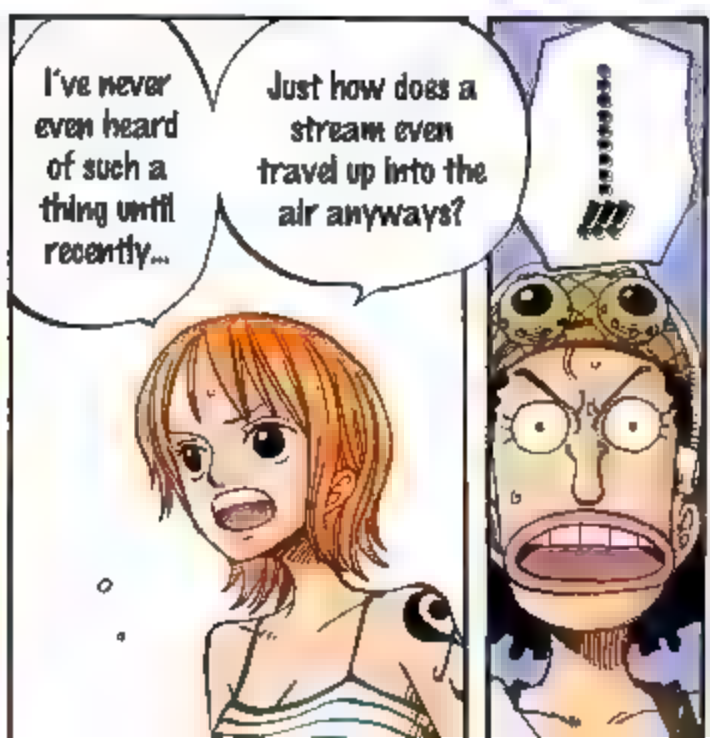
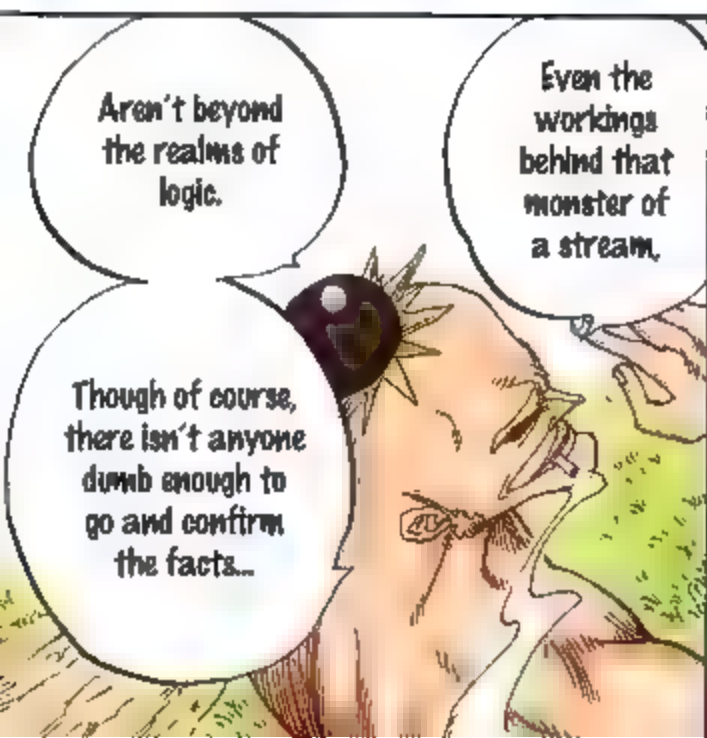
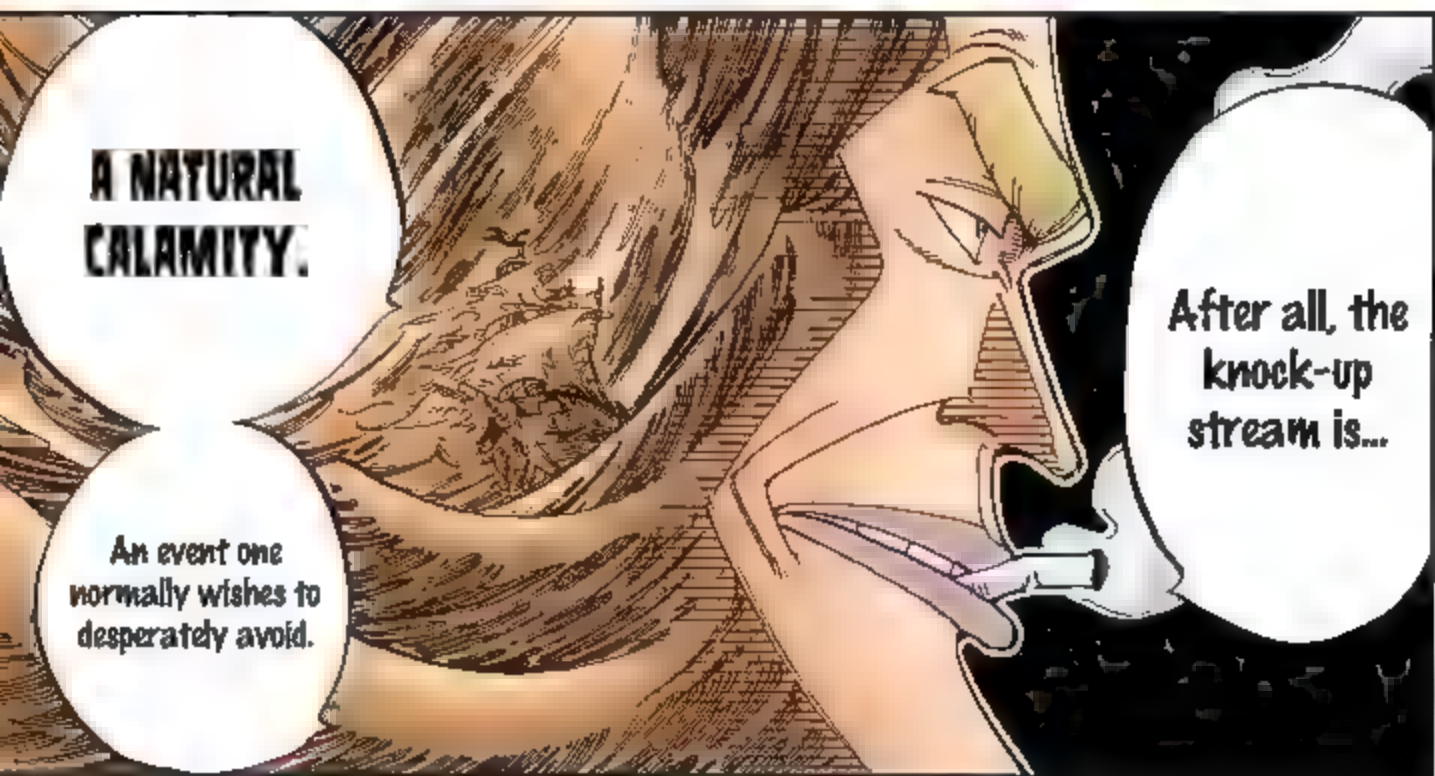
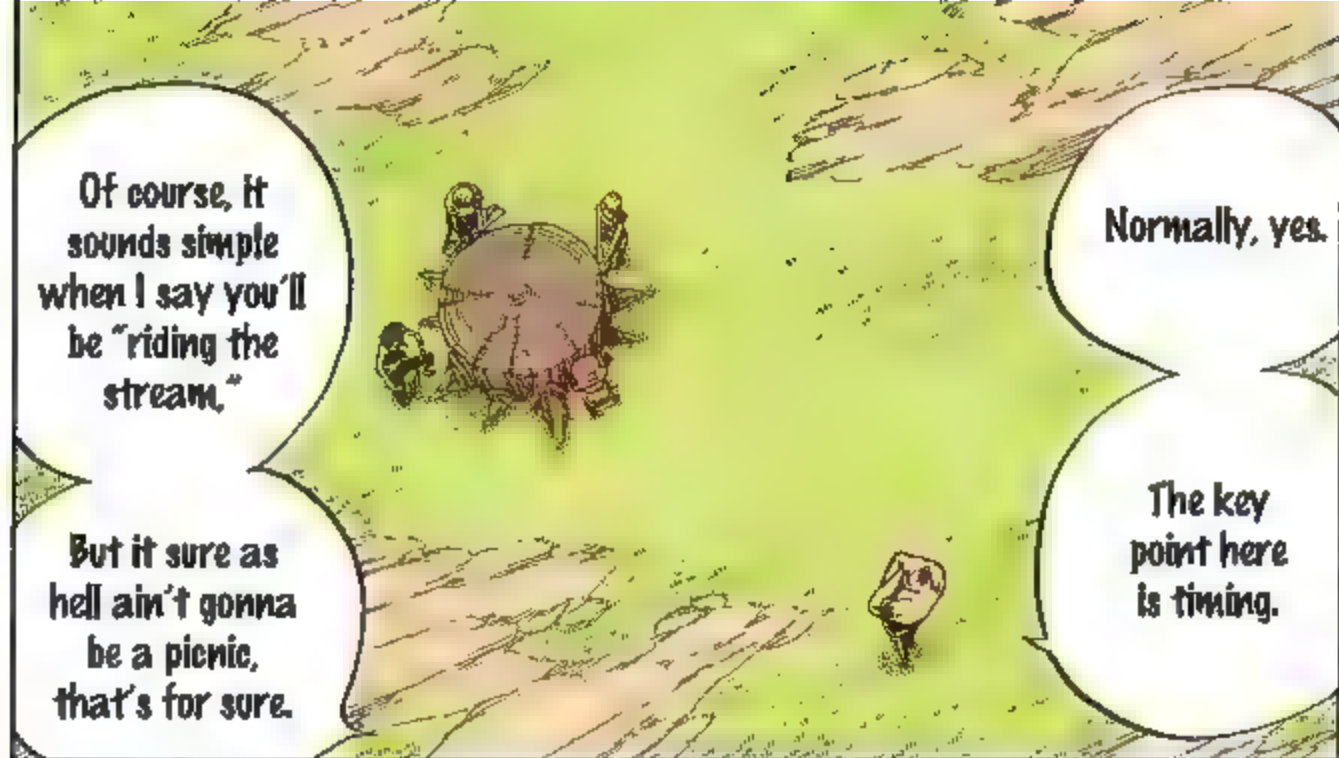


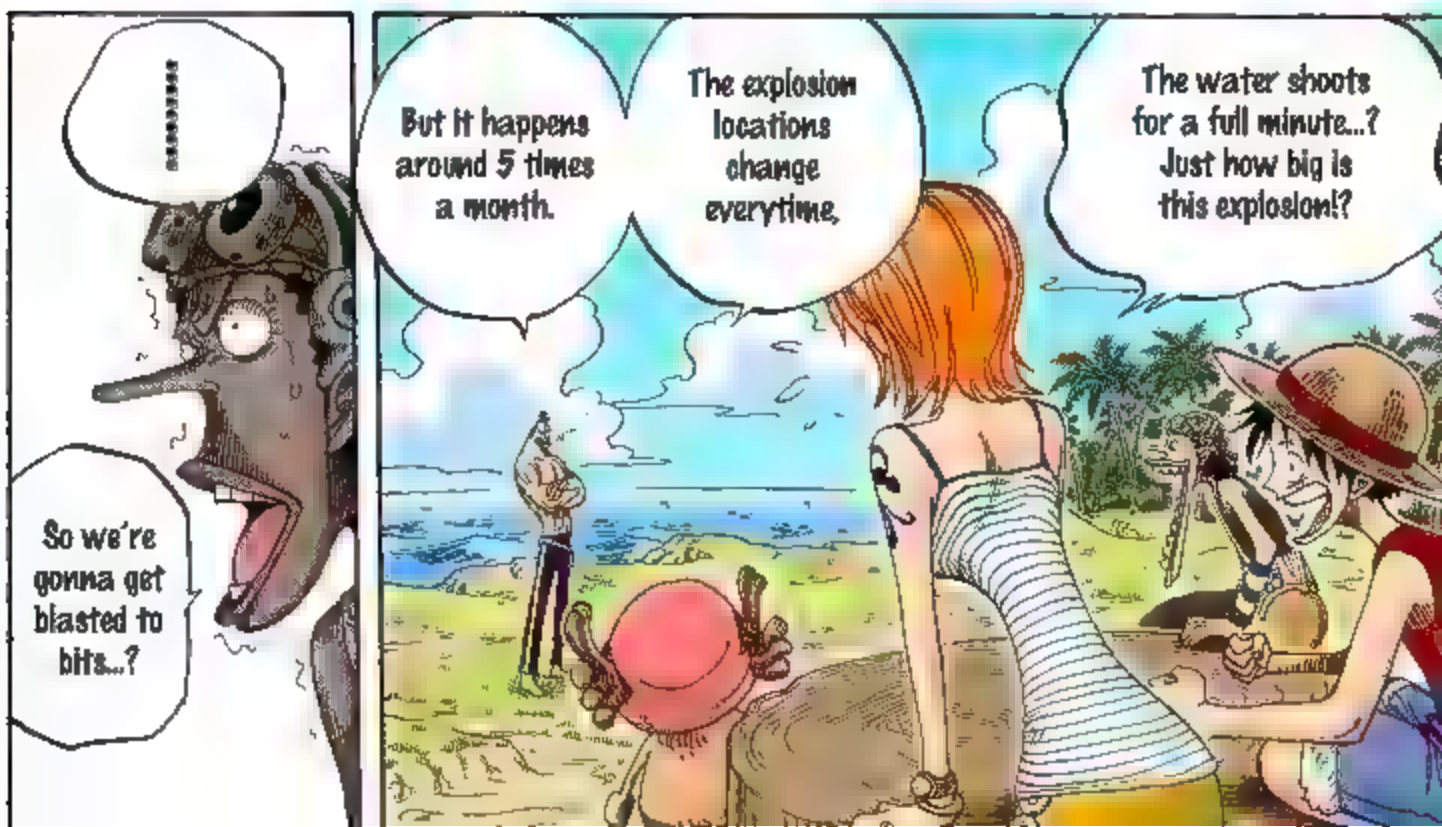
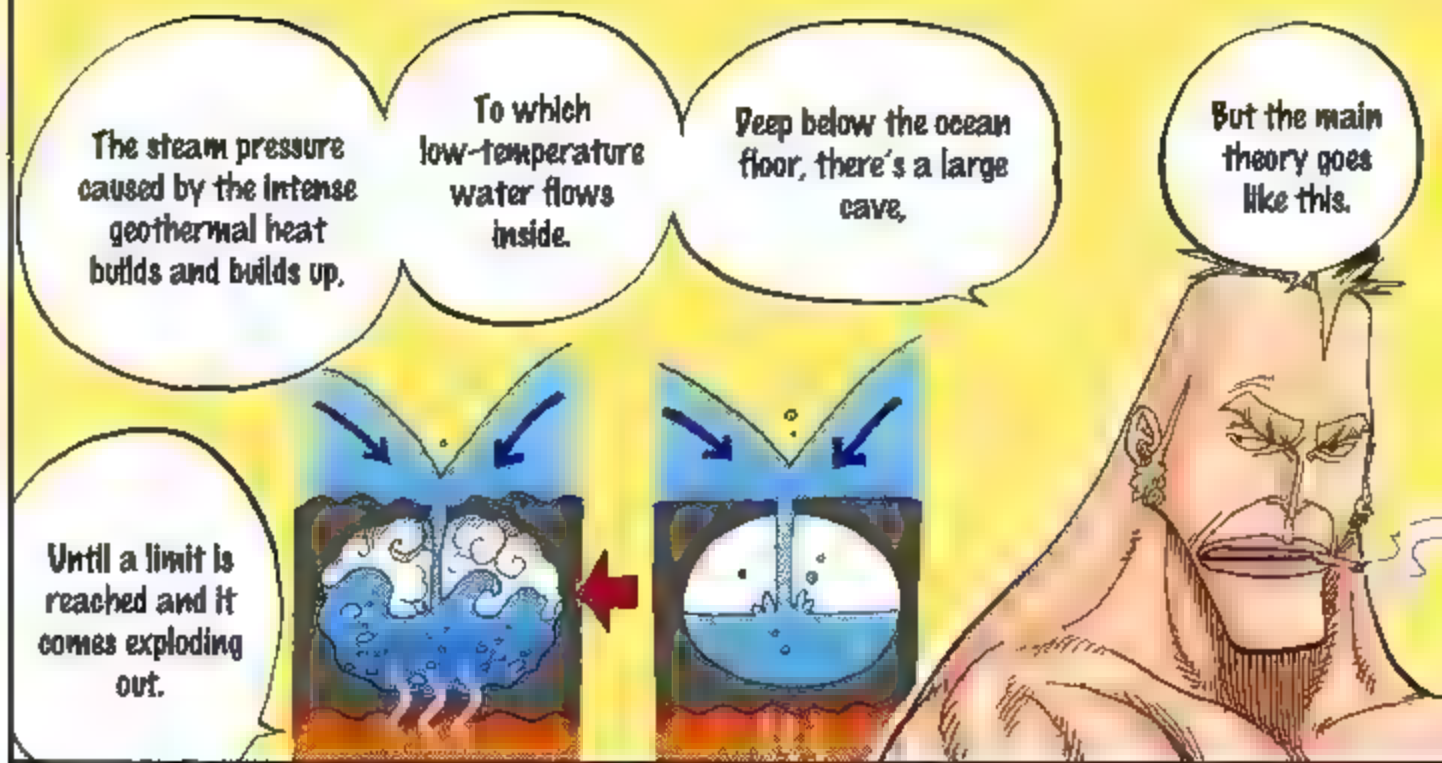


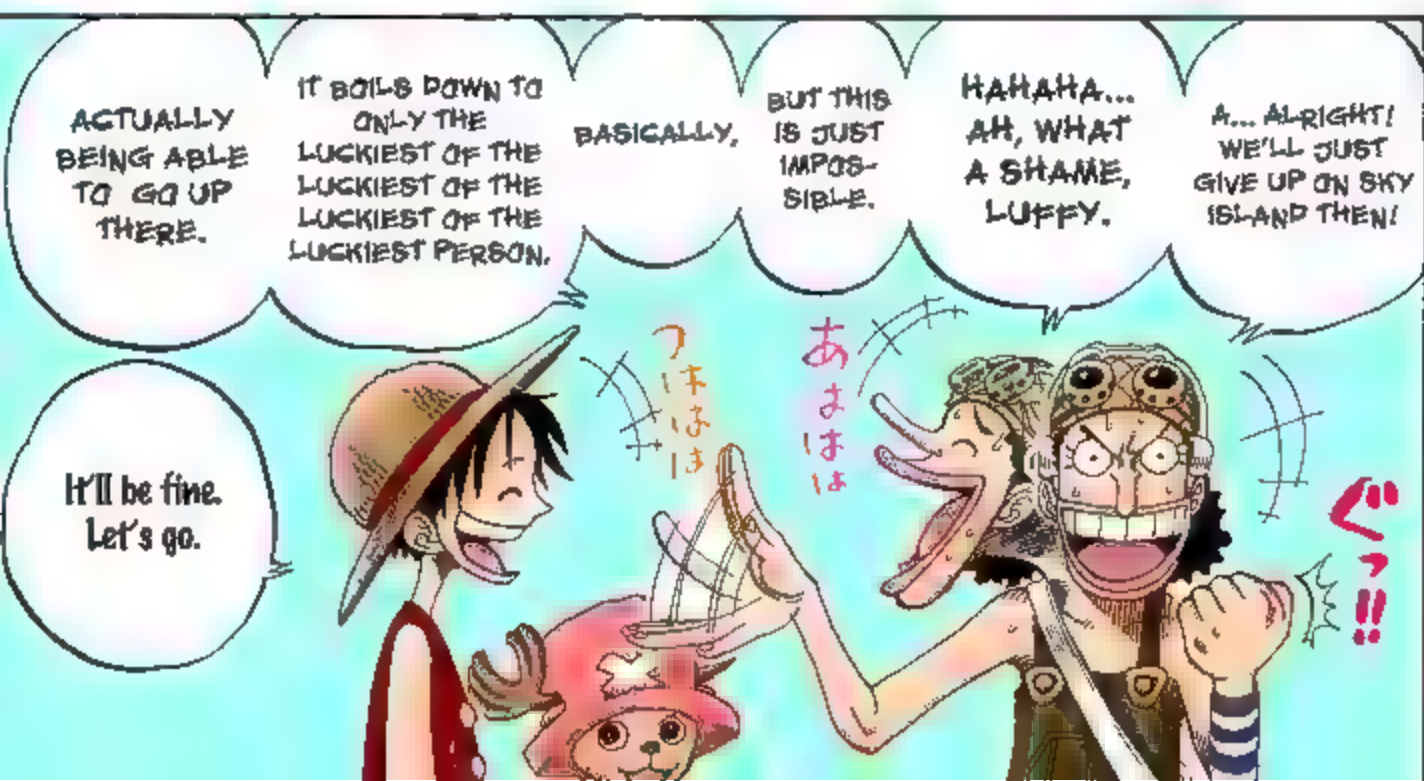
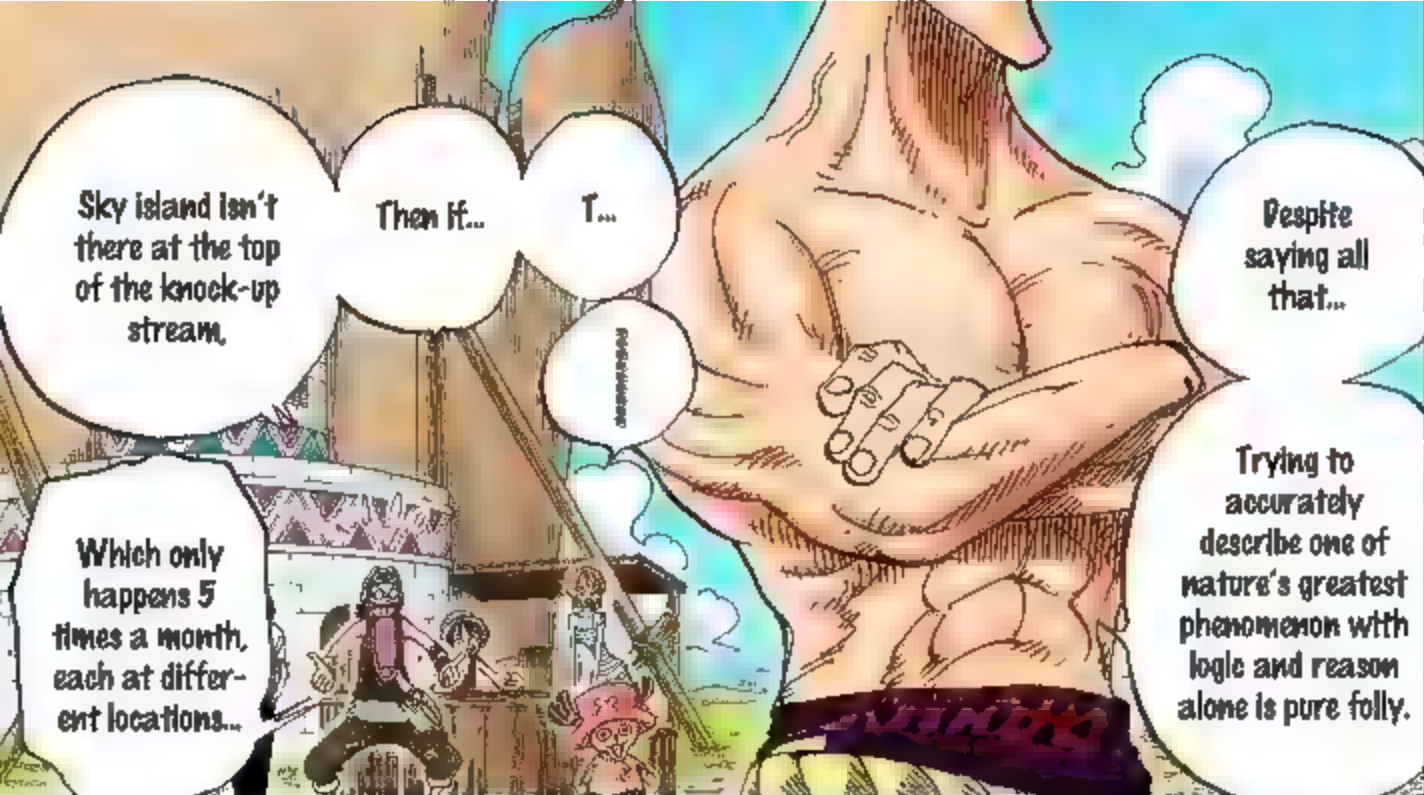






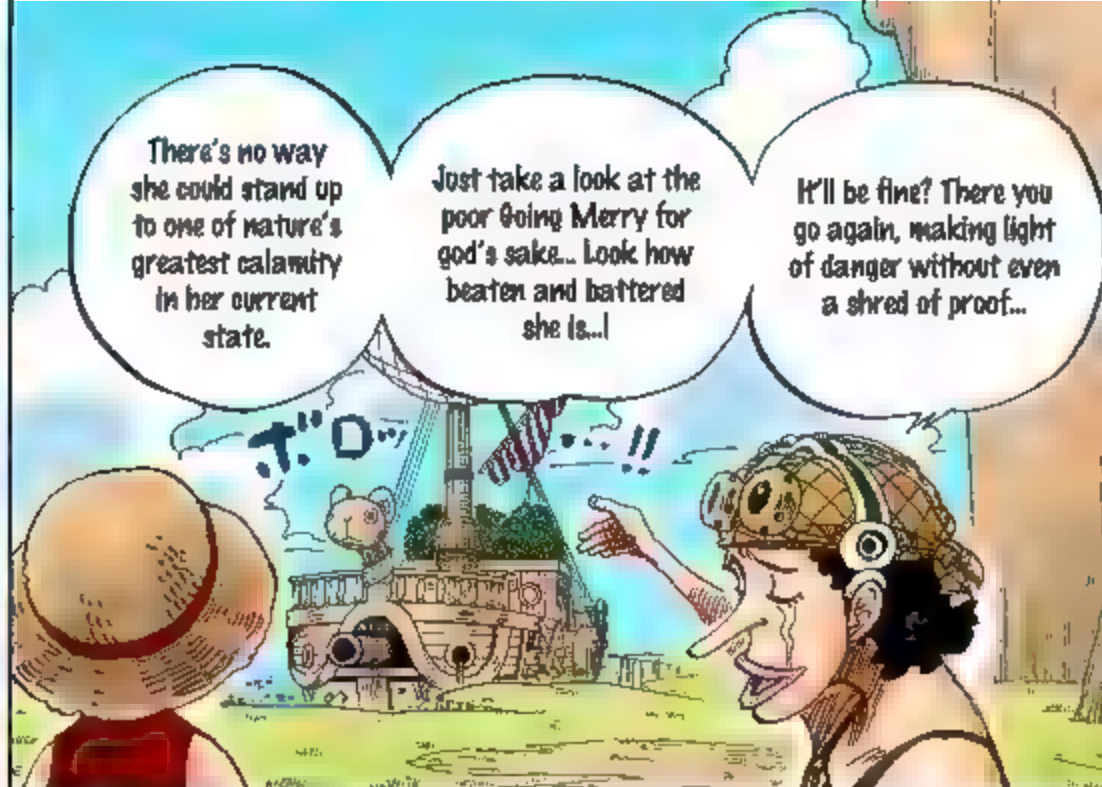








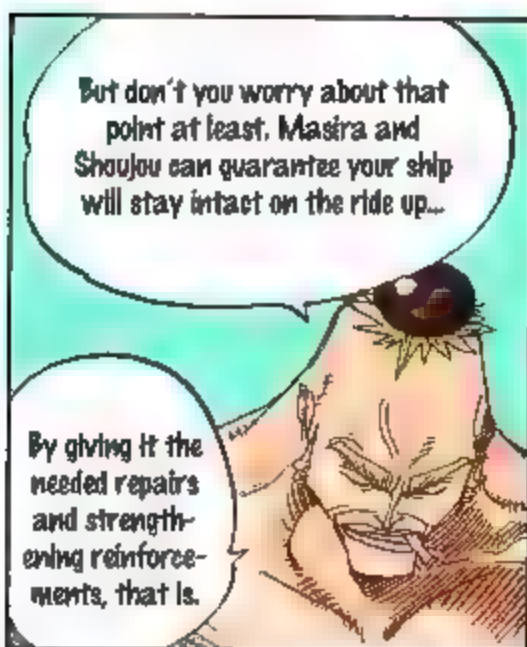
Yes... It would be impossible for your ship, even if she were brand-new.



There's no way she could stand up to one of nature's greatest calamity in her current state.

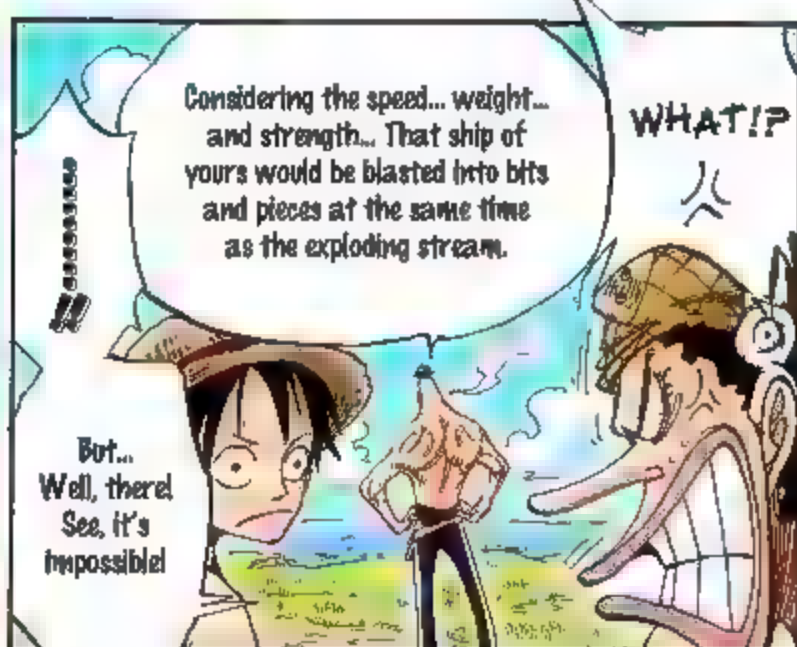
Just take a look at the poor Going Merry for god's sake... Look how beaten and battered she is...!

It'll be fine? There you go again, making light of danger without even a shred of proof...



But don't you worry about that point at least. Masira and Shoujou can guarantee your ship will stay intact on the ride up...

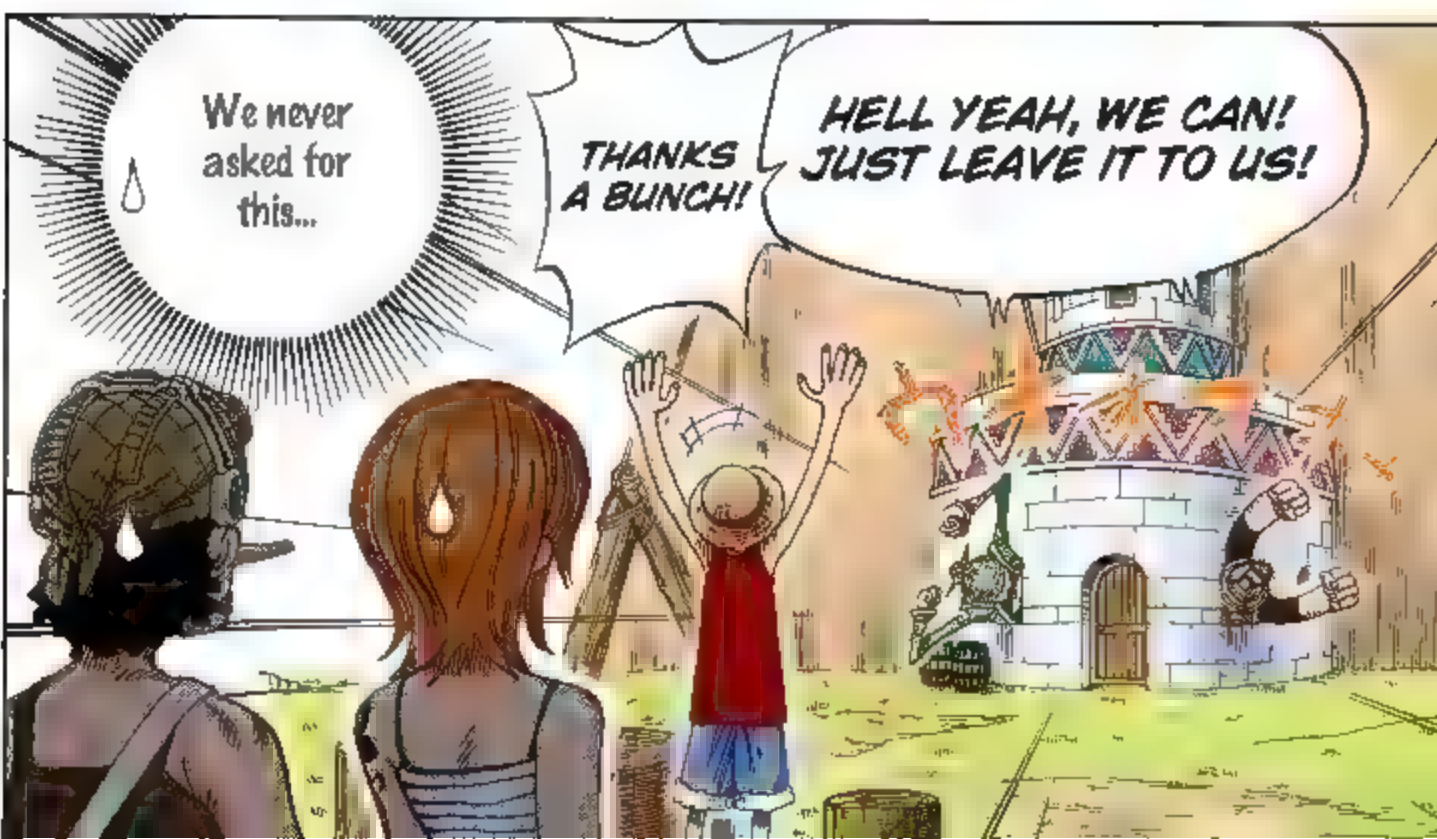
By giving it the needed repairs and strengthening reinforcements, that is.



Considering the speed... weight... and strength... That ship of yours would be blasted into bits and pieces at the same time as the exploding stream.

WHAT!?

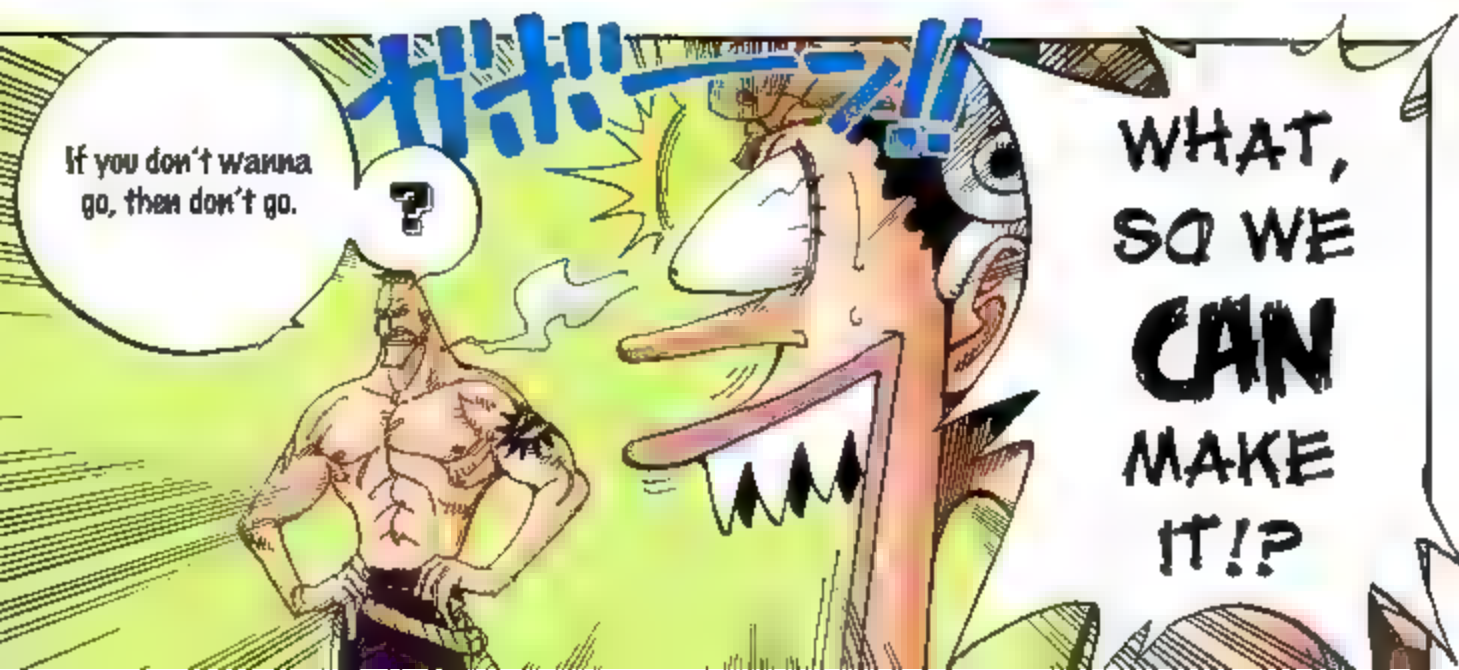
But... Well, there! See, it's impossible!



We never asked for this...

THANKS A BUNCH!

HELL YEAH, WE CAN! JUST LEAVE IT TO US!



THIS IS WAY TOO SUSPICIOUS! WE'VE ONLY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY! AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE TOO NICE!?

Hm?

YOU'RE LYING, AREN'T YOU!?

Y...

!!!

It just so happens that the only way to get into the legendary sky island...

YOU JUST STAY QUIET!

Usopp-

NOT ONLY THAT!

YOU'RE THE DESCENDANT OF NOLAND THE LIAR, AREN'T YOU!? SO HOW CAN WE EVEN TRUST YOU!?

JUST WHAT'RE YOU PLOTTING!?

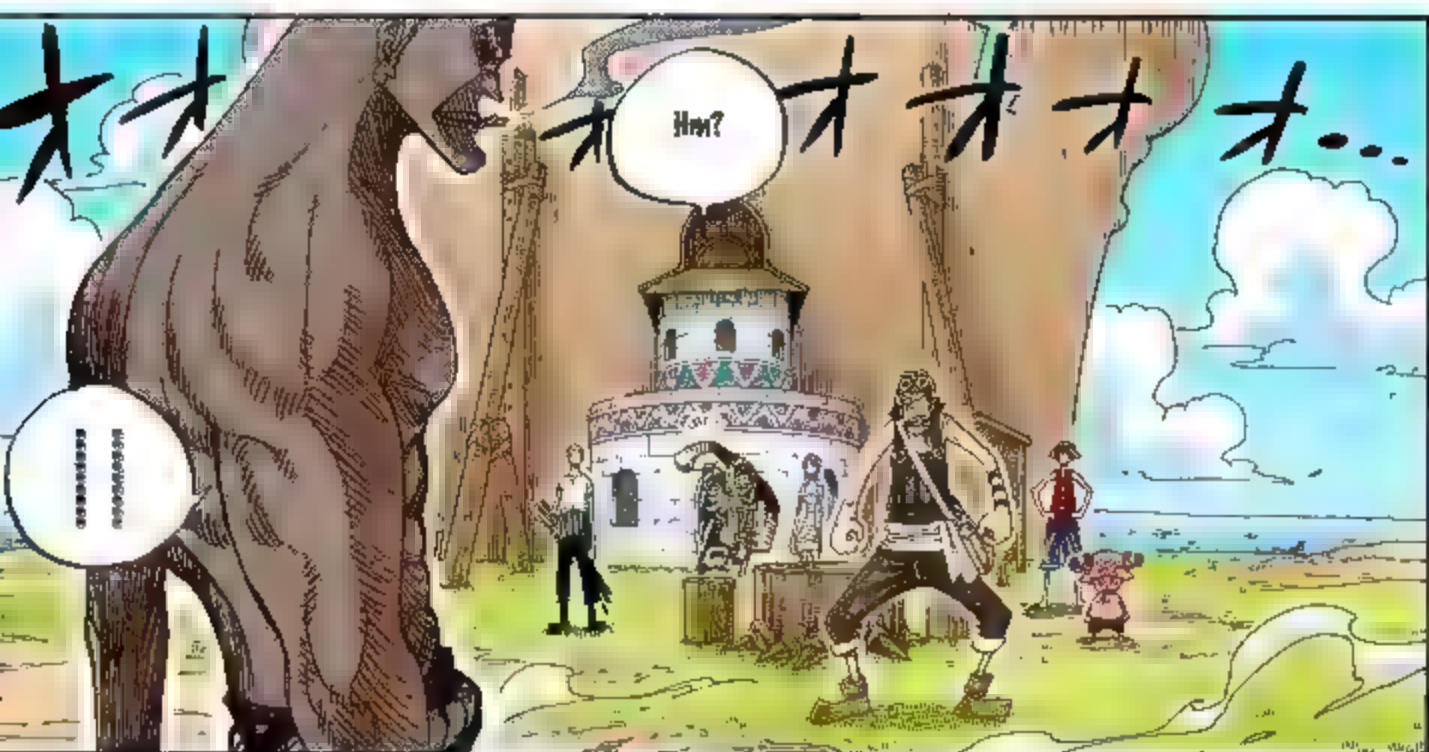
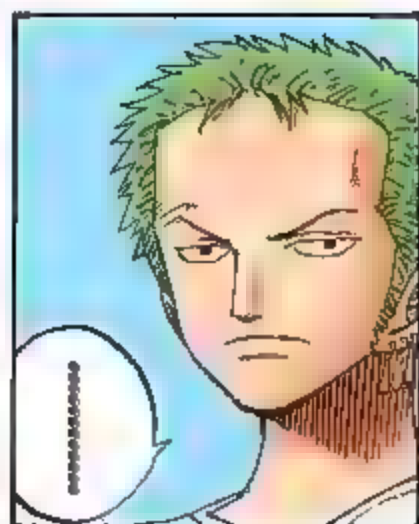
THIS IS WAY TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

AND YOU'RE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO GET OUR SHIP FIXED UP AND READY TO GO BY THEN!?

Will happen TOMORROW!?



BOSS! THE
FOOD'S ALL
READY!
WE GOT
SOME REAL
SPECIAL
DISHERS
TODAY!



And that too, will probably happen South from here.

And if going by the estimate of a knock-up stream happening 5 times a month, there should be another one tomorrow.

The emperor-nimbus cloud can be seen in the skies south from there...

"Night" is spotted at daytime in Mastra's turf,

I can't say any of this with 100% certainty, but there's a good chance of those two events happening together in the same place tomorrow.

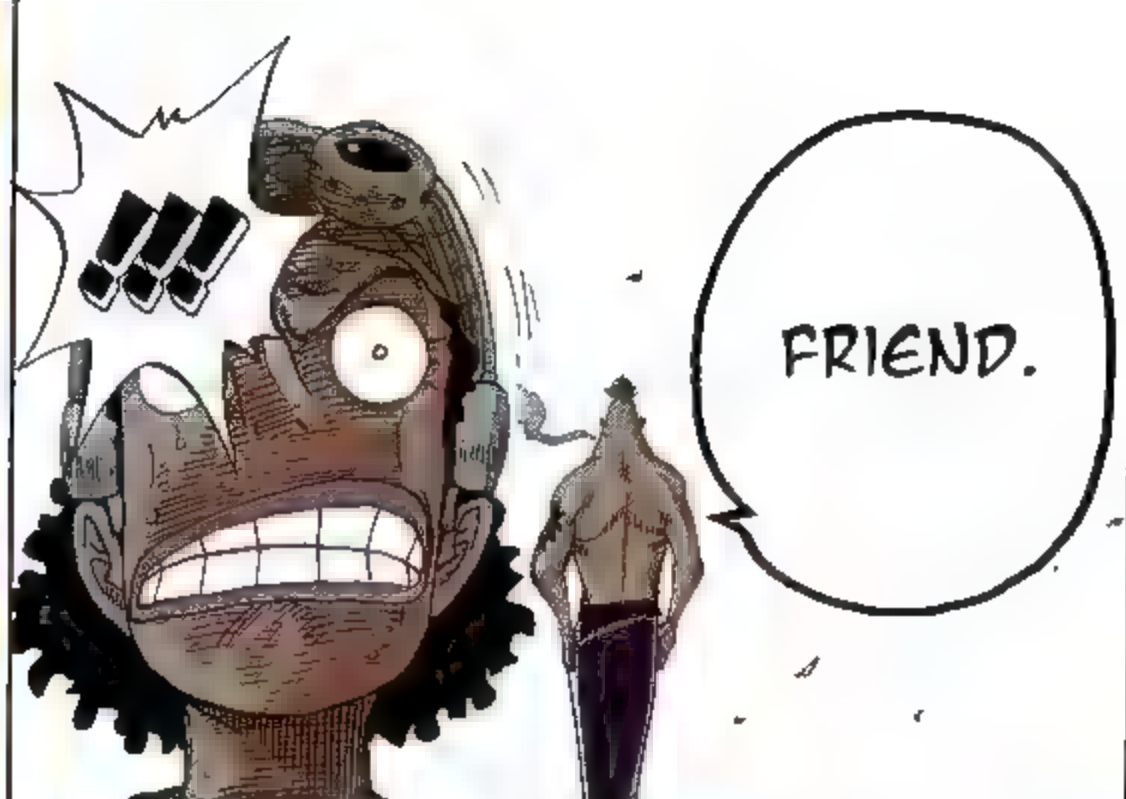
NOW LET'S EAT.

YOU CAN STAY THE NIGHT AT MY PLACE TODAY.

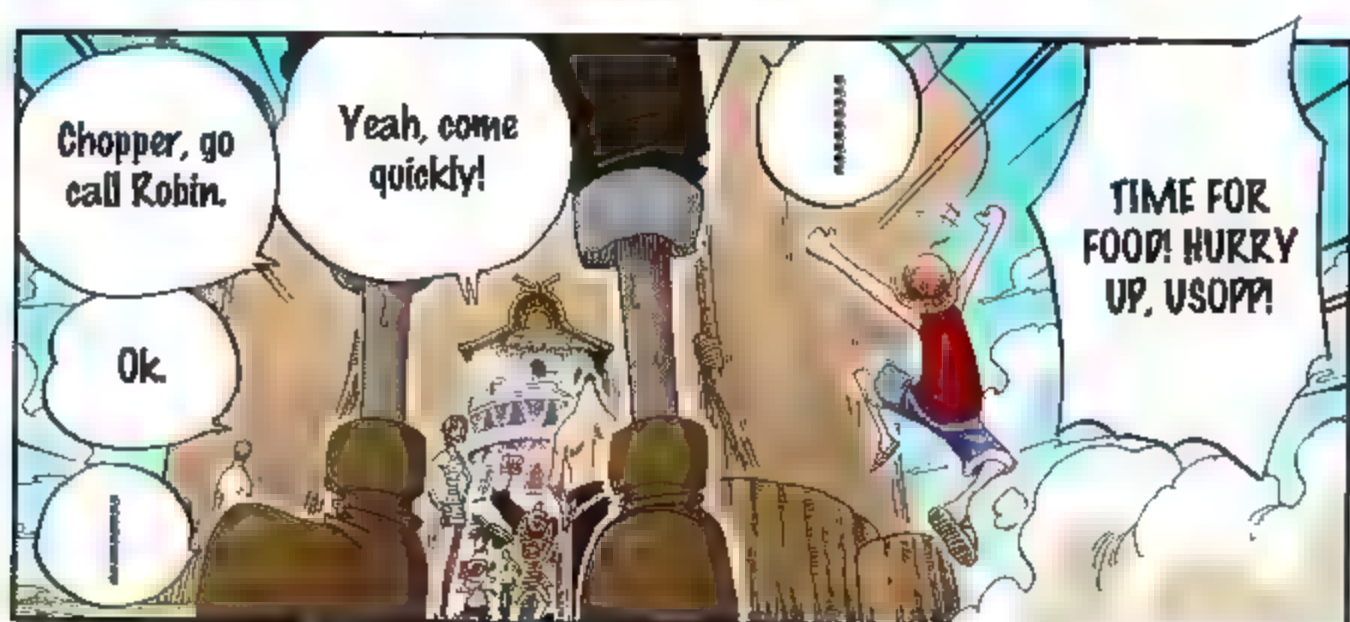
BUT ABOVE ALL, I'M JUST HAPPY MEETING FOOLS LIKE YOU.



Hee hee...



FRIEND.



Chopper, go
call Robin.

Yeah, come
quickly!

Ok.

TIME FOR
FOOD! HURRY
UP, USOPP!



I'M SOOOO
SOOOORRY-
YYY, MISTER!

AGHH!
Don't get
your shot
on me!



Yes, and a bit
of an idiot too...
But I can
understand
how you feel.

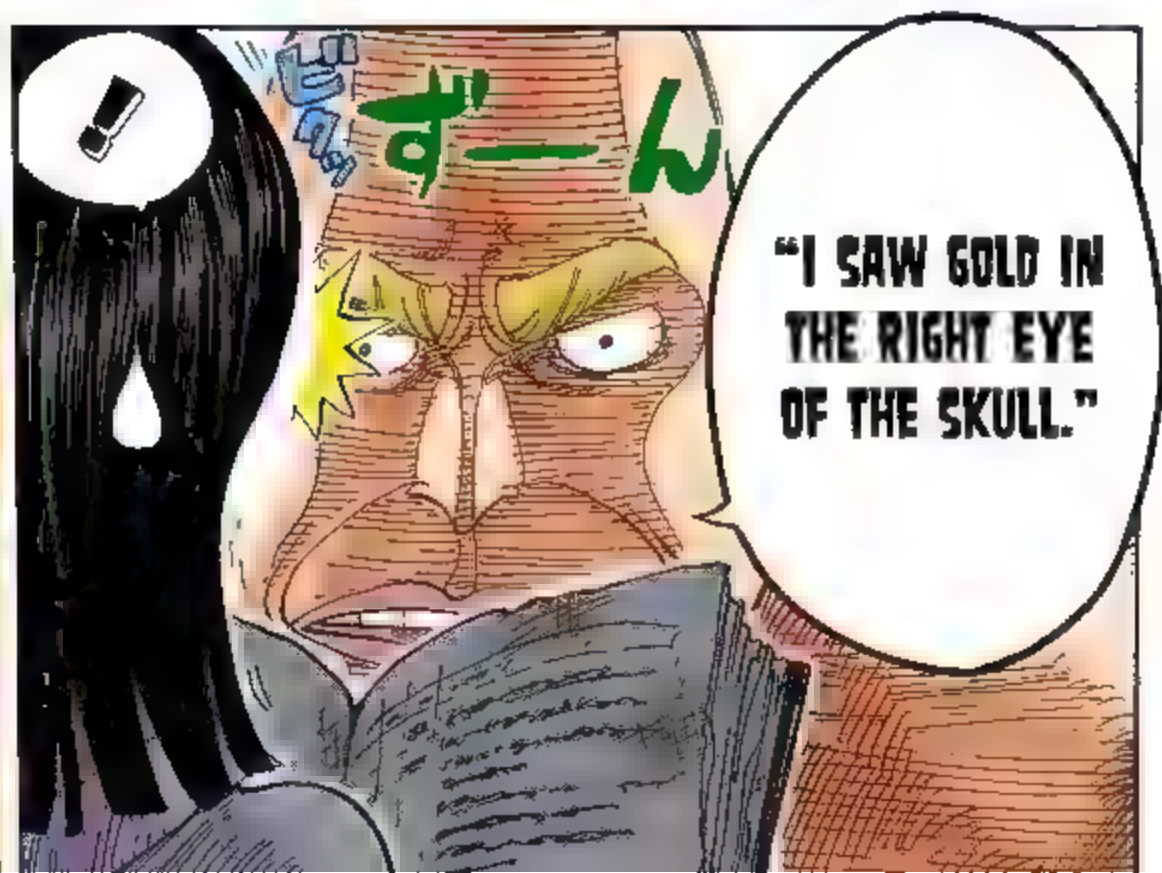
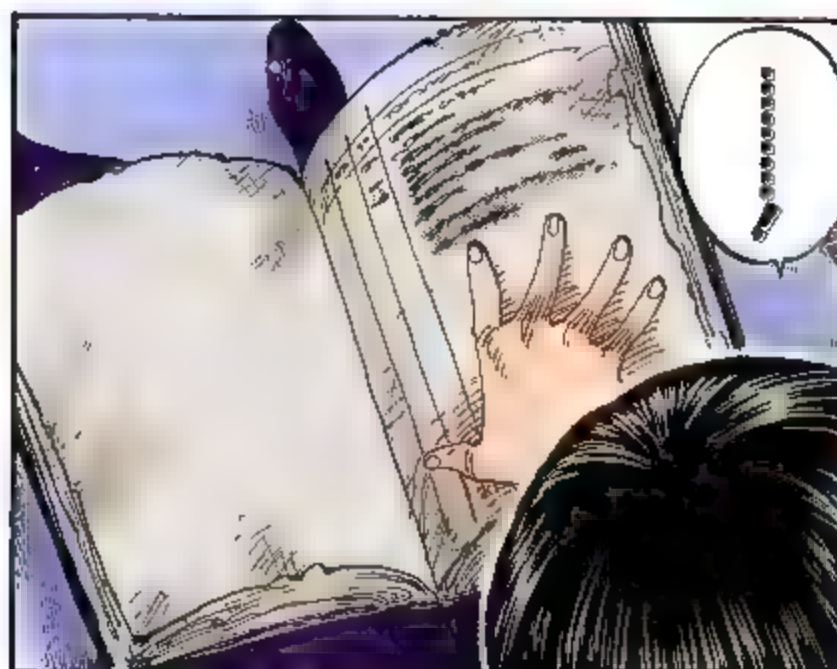
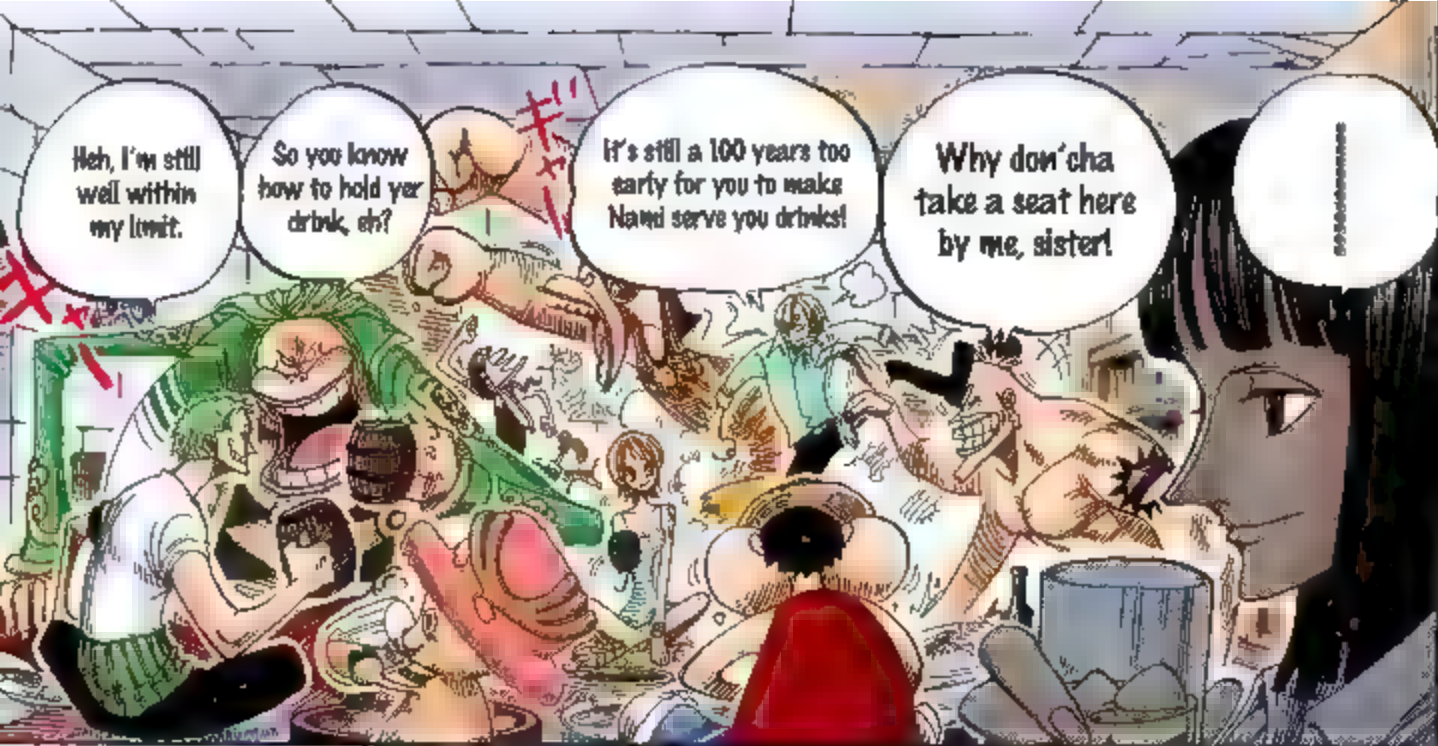
Nami... Am I
a pathetic
coward?

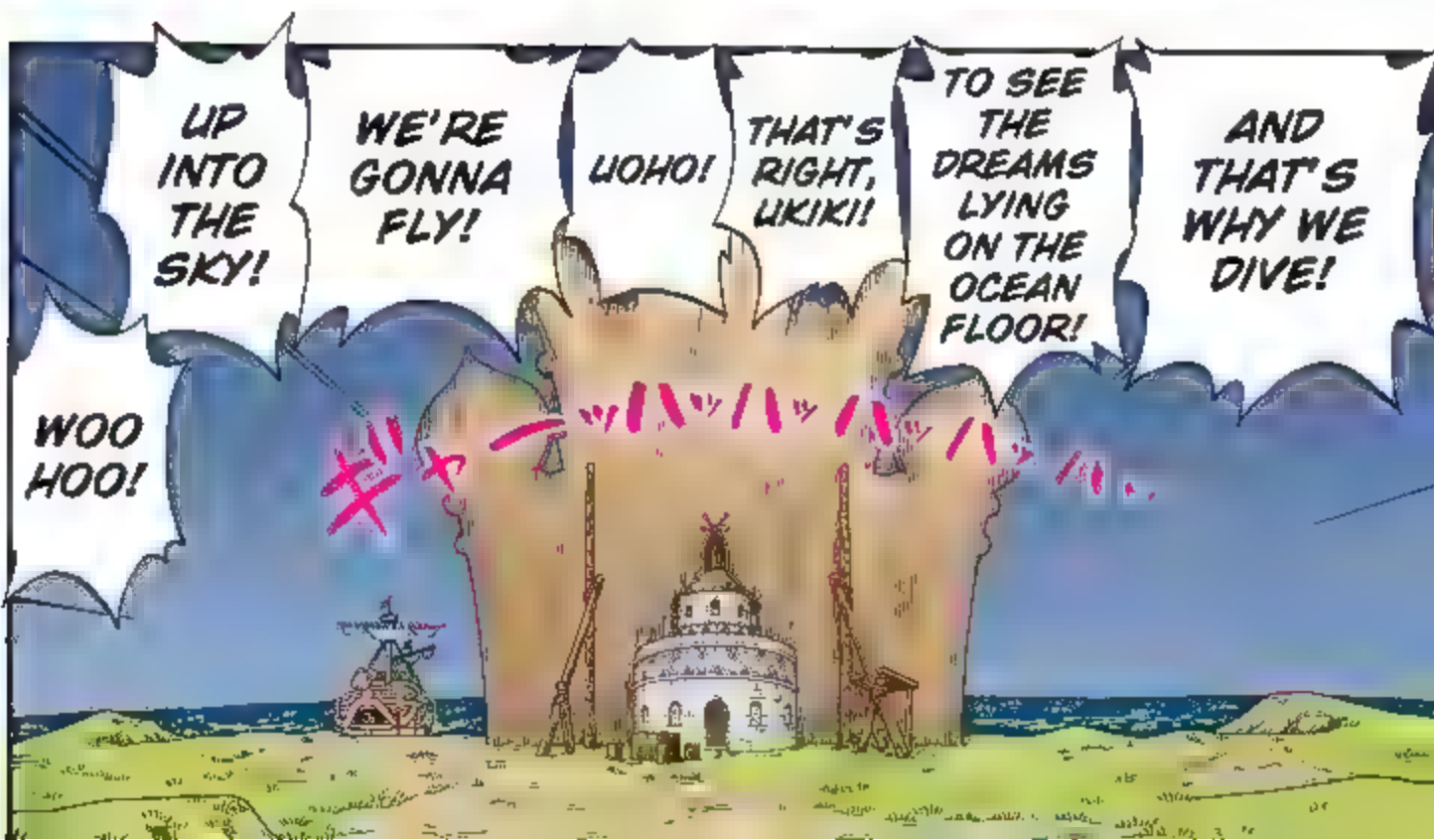
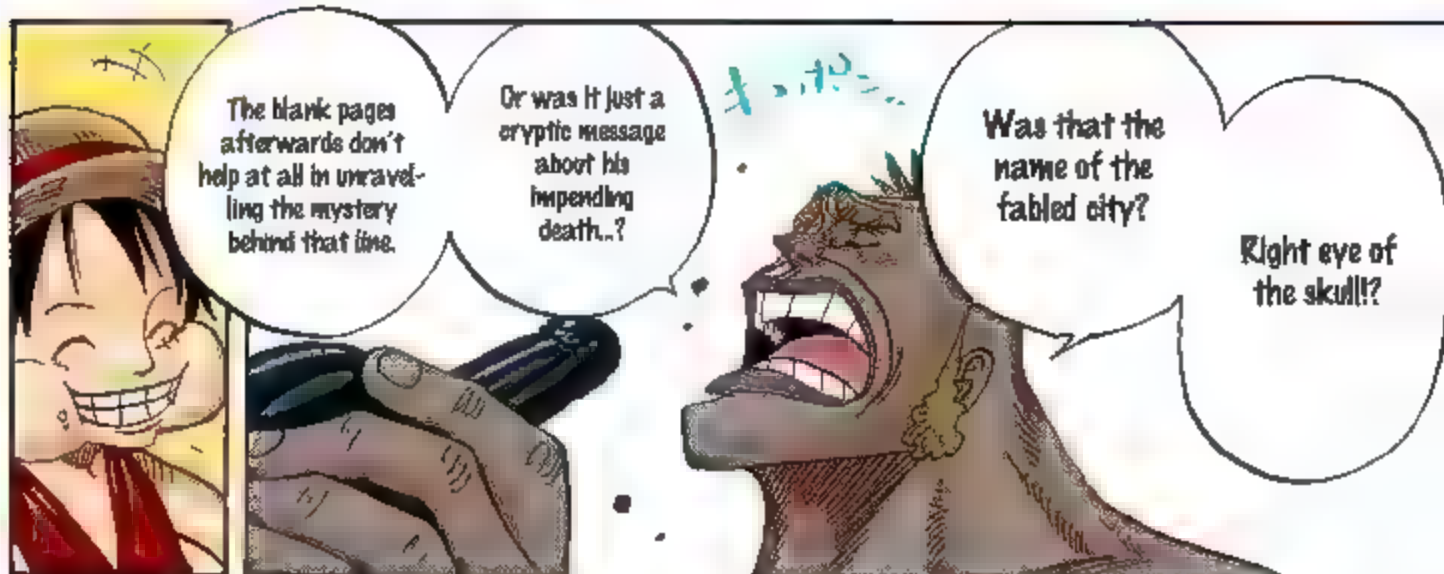
Just make sure
to apologize
properly.



Looks like...
We've got no
choice but to
give this our
best shot.

Of course in
the end, it'll
mainly come
down to luck.





But I see it
now.

The night's
fallen by
now,

Prepare
to land.

Bellamy.

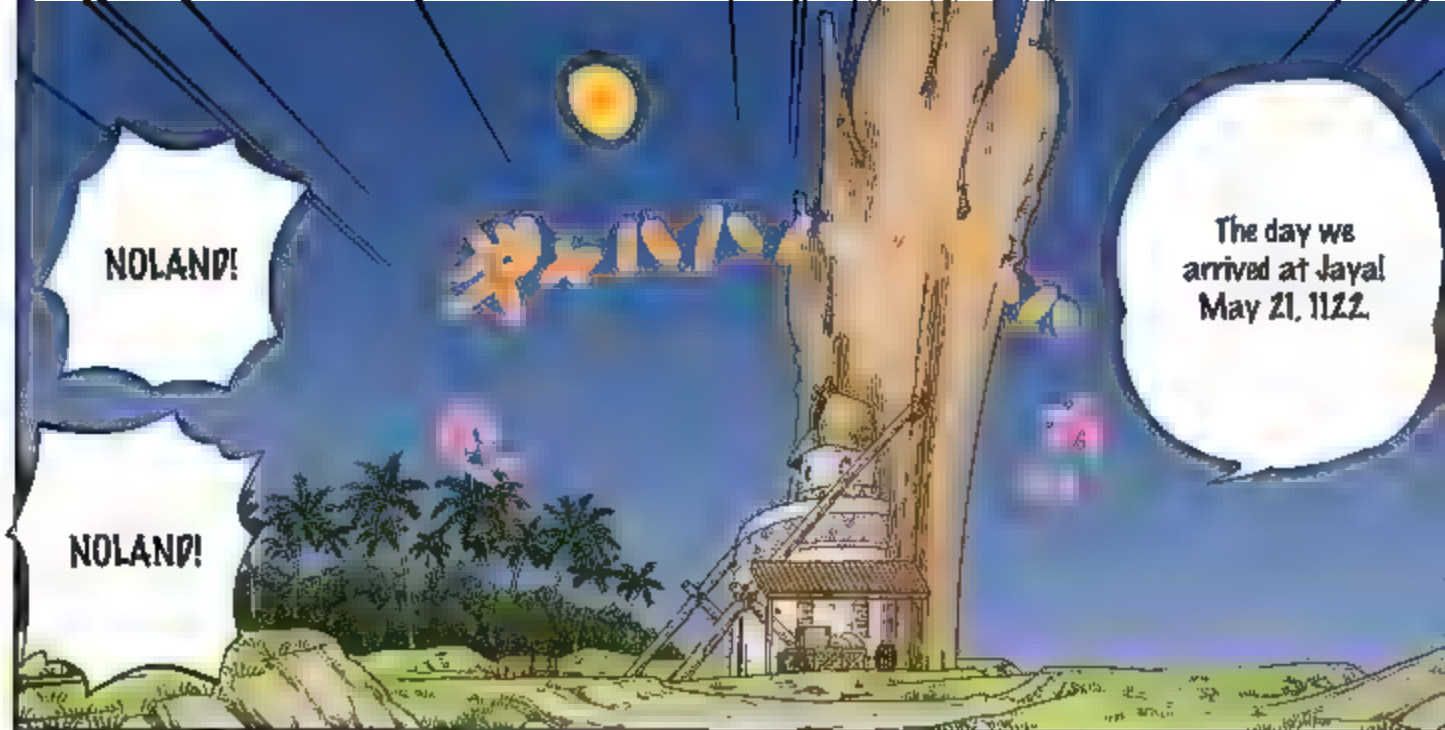
IS WASTED ON
FOOLS WHO CHASE
IMMATERIAL
DREAMS...

MATERIAL
GOLD,

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Catch the Southbird!

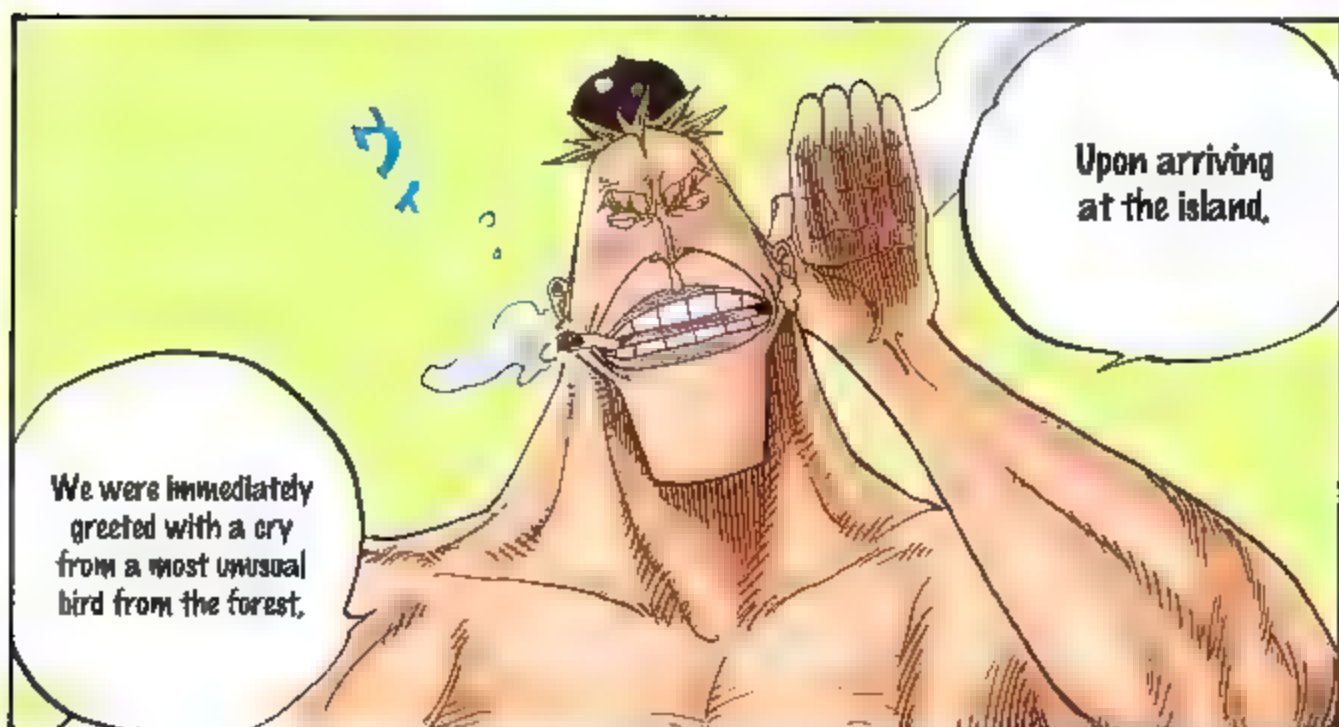




NOLAND!

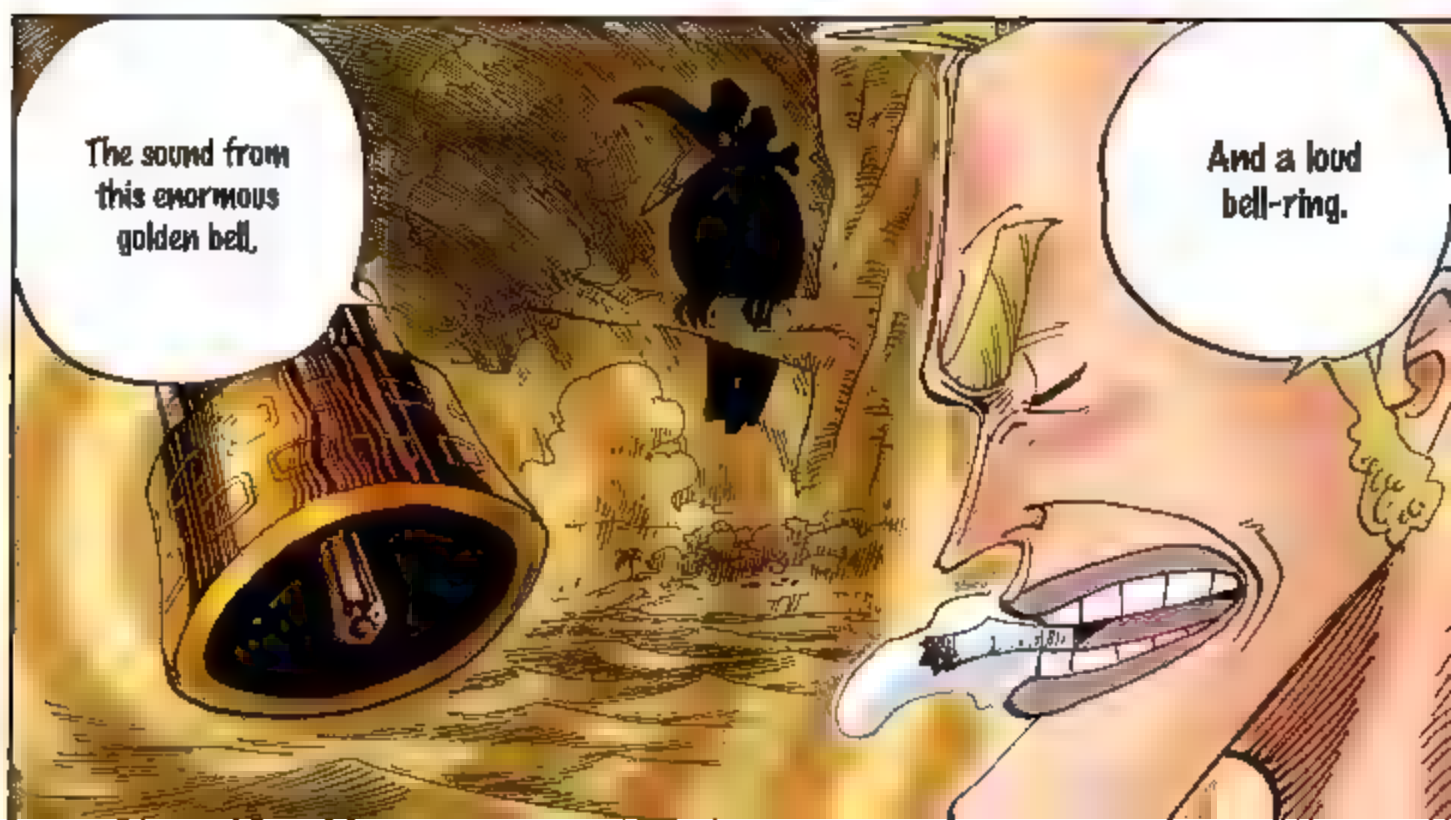
The day we
arrived at Jayal
May 21, 1122.

NOLAND!



Upon arriving
at the island,

We were immediately
greeted with a cry
from a most unusual
bird from the forest,



The sound from
this enormous
golden bell,

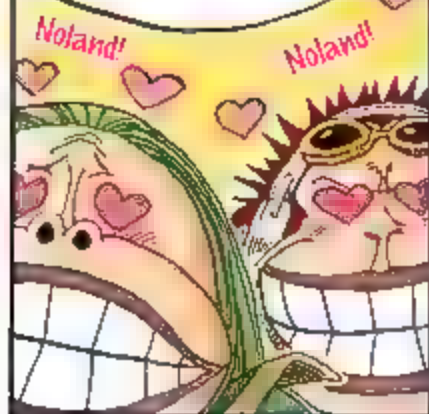
And a loud
bell-ring.

When reminded of the
civilizations that have
risen and fallen
throughout the ages
across this vast sea,

The former
glory of its
ancient city.

As if proudly
proclaiming,

Reverberated
throughout the
entire island,



And so we simply
stood there,
silently listening to
the bell ringing...

Were too awestruck
to utter even a
single word.

We, who barely live a
few decades at most and
yet act as if we know all
there is to this world,

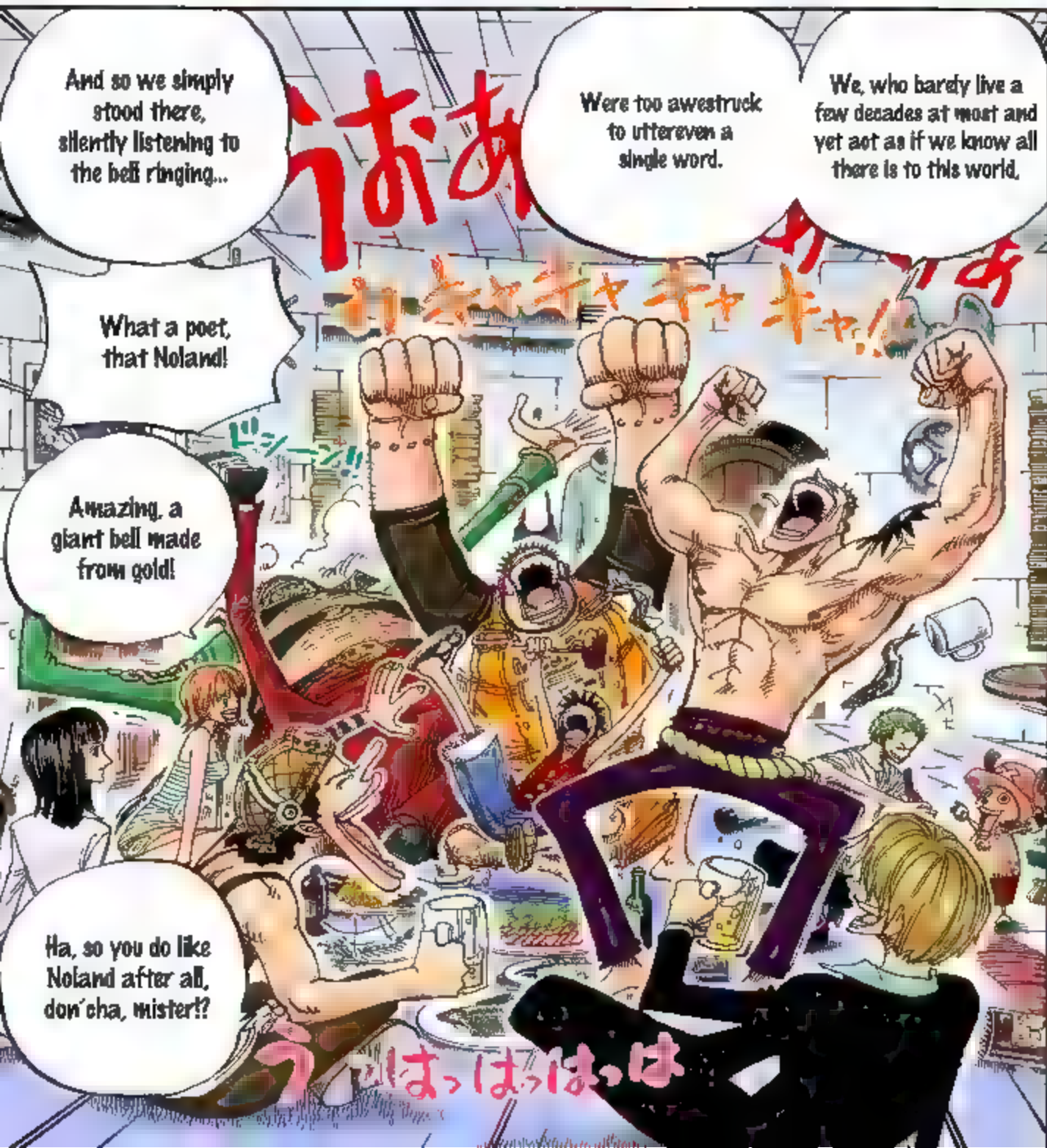
What a poet,
that Noland!

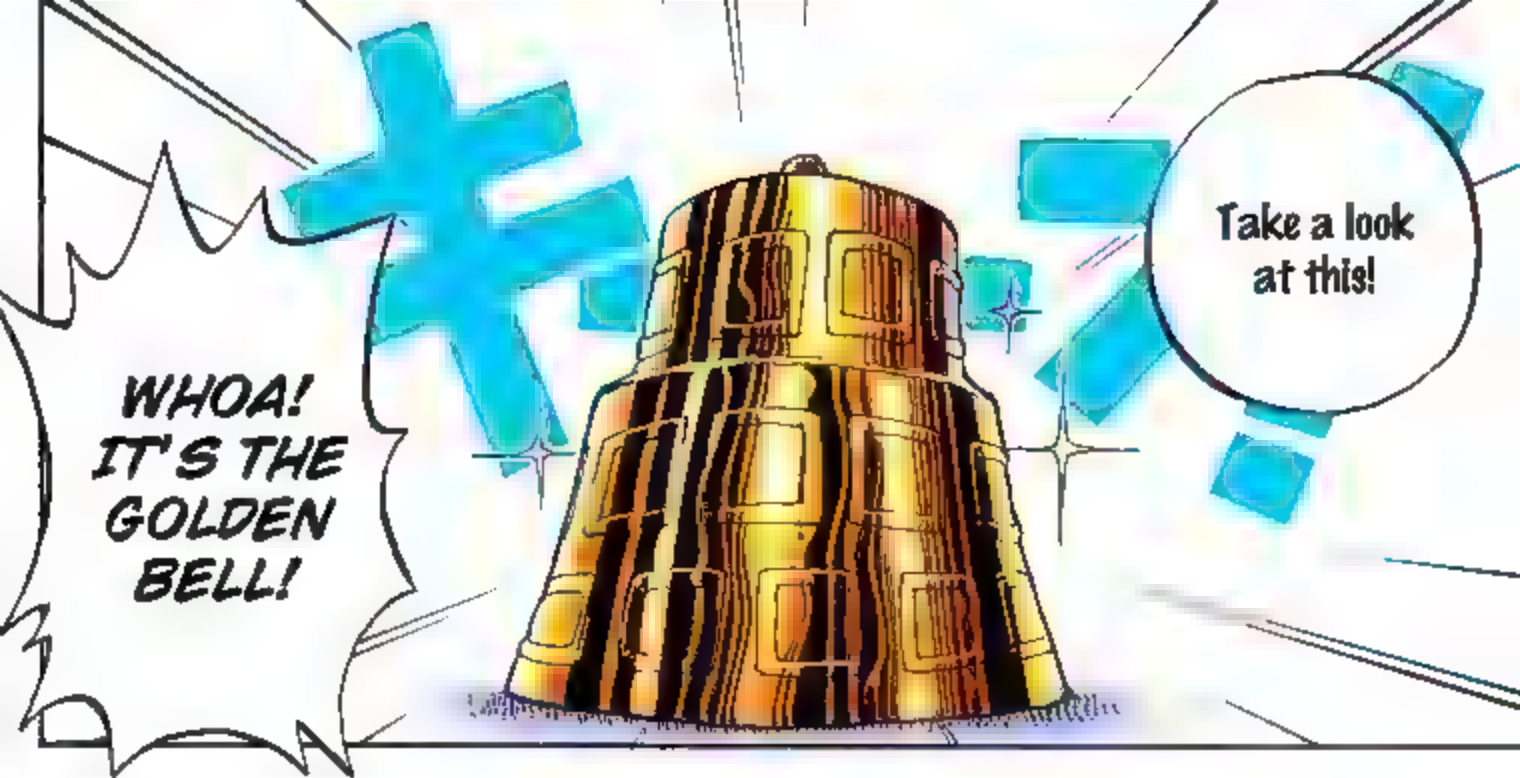
Amazing, a
giant bell made
from gold!

Ha, so you do like
Noland after all,
don'cha, mister!?

うおおおおお
おおおおおお
おおおおおお

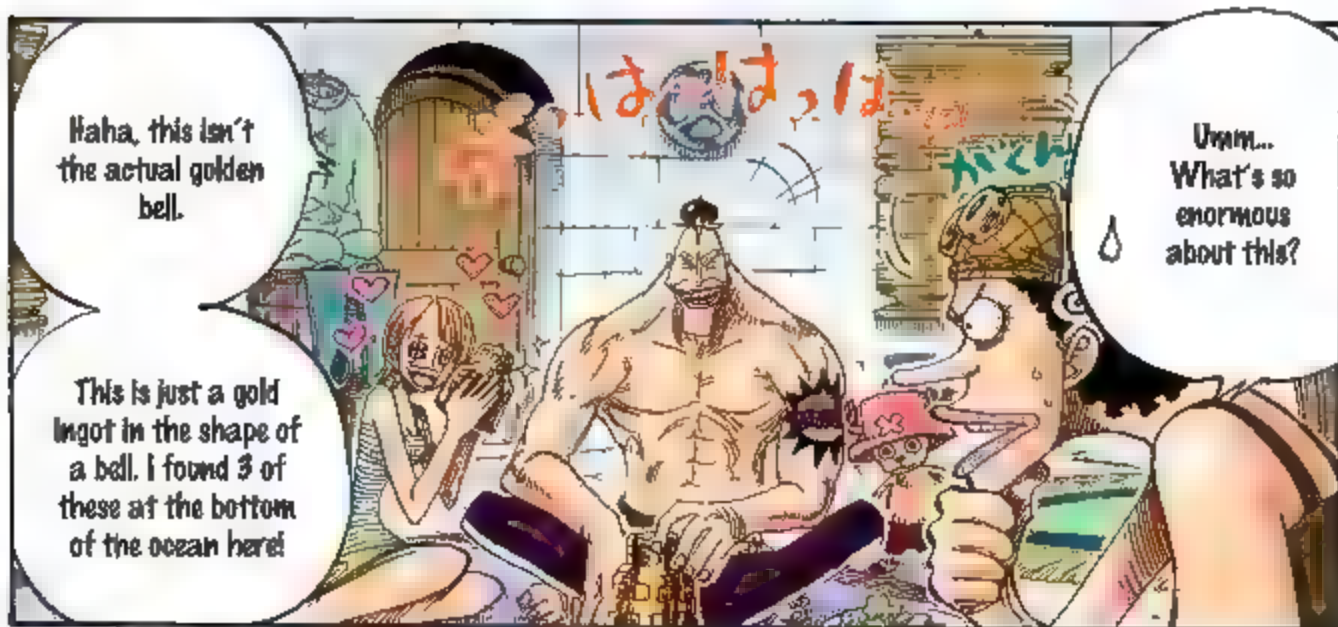
うおおおおお





WHOA!
IT'S THE
GOLDEN
BELL!

Take a look
at this!



Haha, this isn't
the actual golden
bell.

Um...
What's so
enormous
about this?

This is just a gold
ingot in the shape of
a bell. I found 3 of
these at the bottom
of the ocean here!

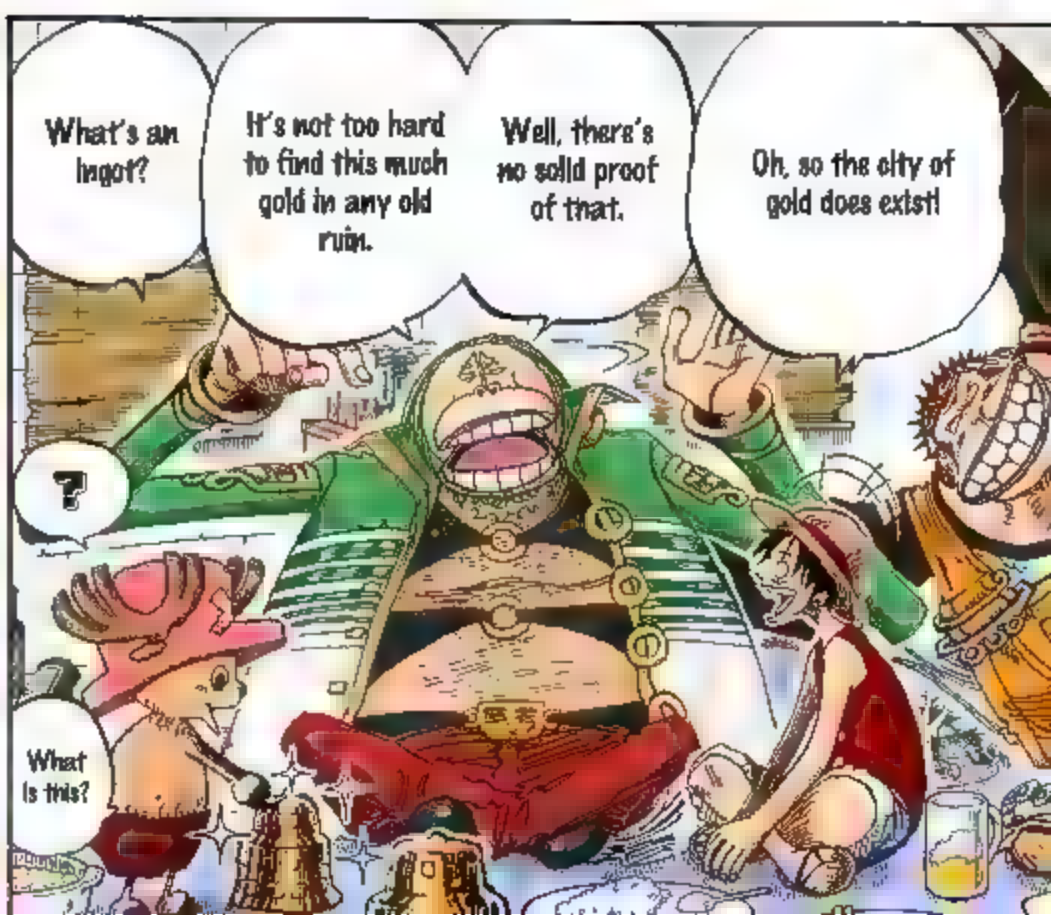


This is enough
proof that a
civilization
existed here in
these parts.

Still.

You can use
it to trade
and sell
goods.

An ingot is a
weight to weigh
out precious
metals.



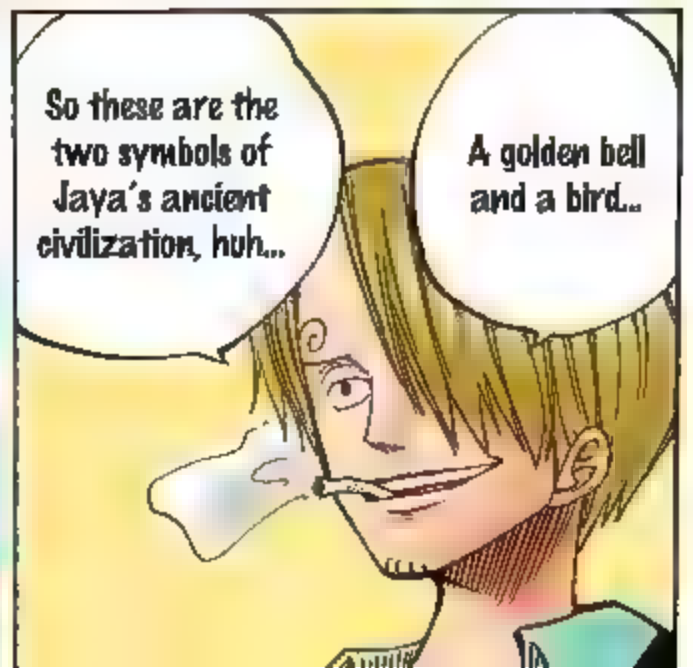
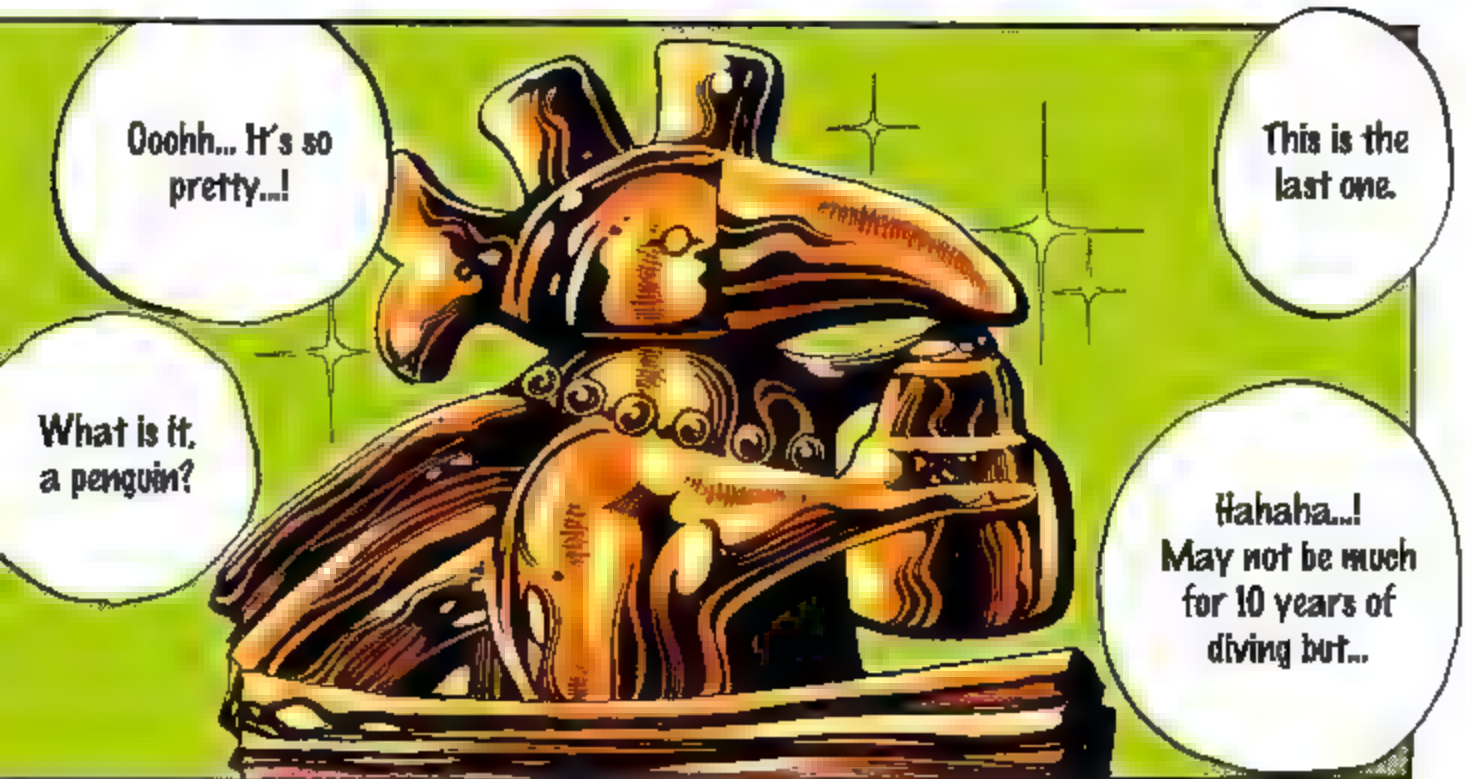
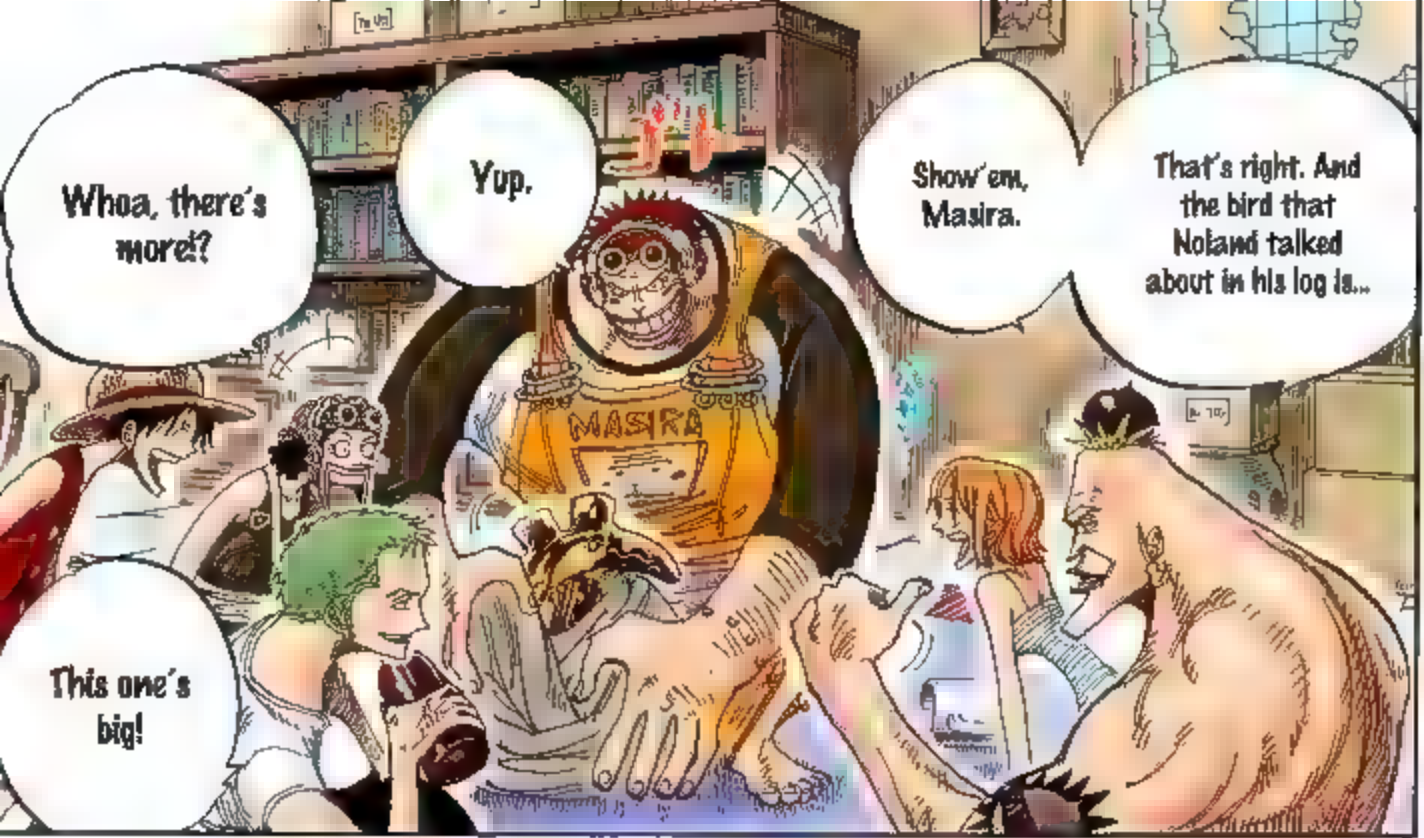
What's an
ingot?

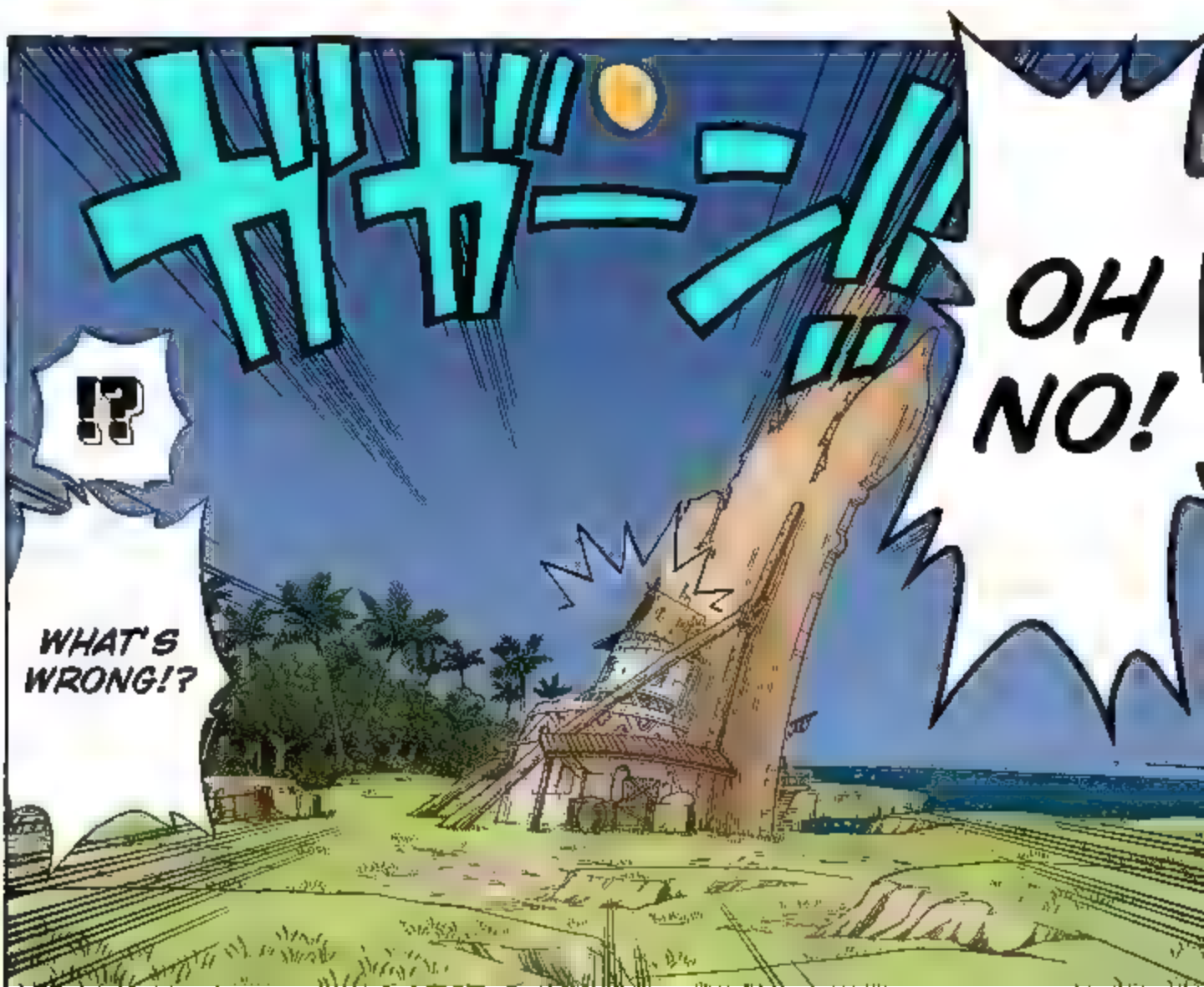
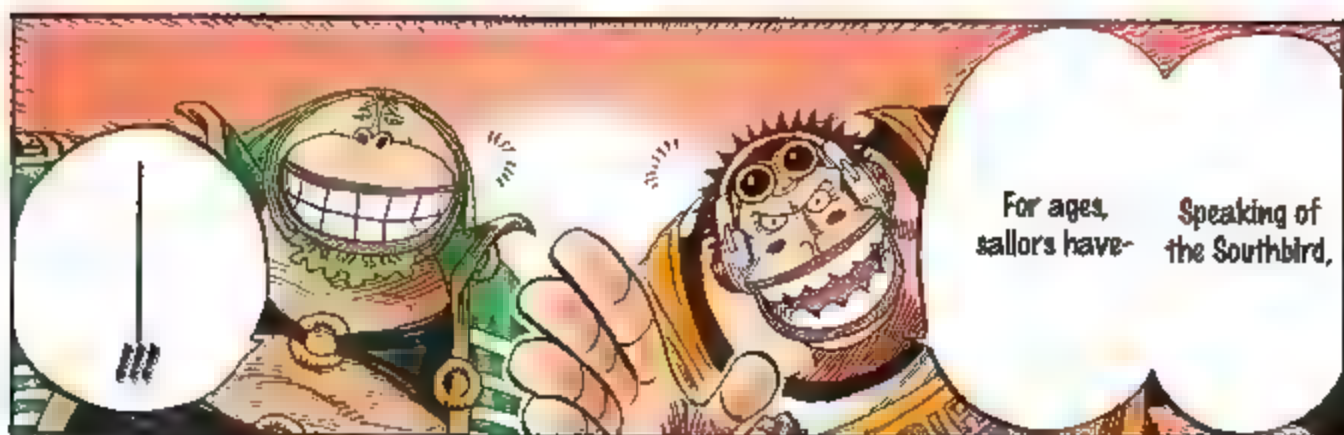
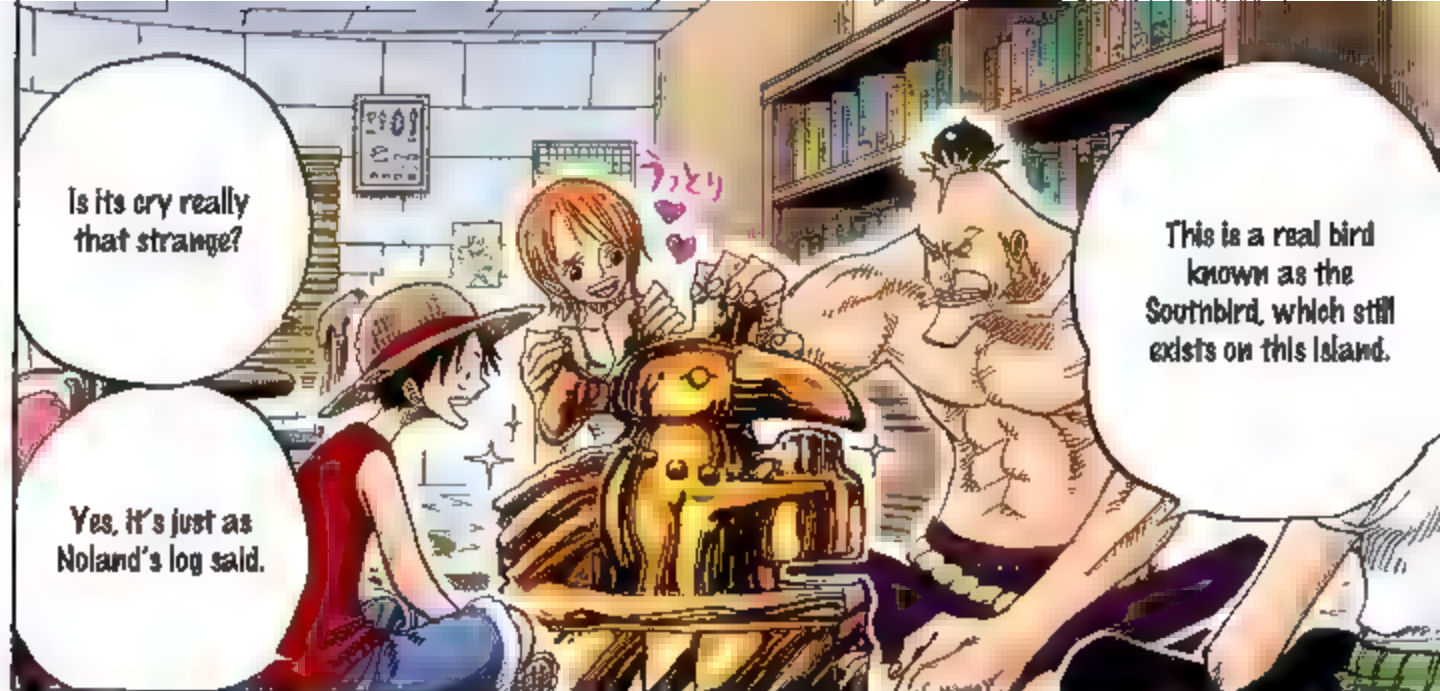
It's not too hard
to find this much
gold in any old
ruin.

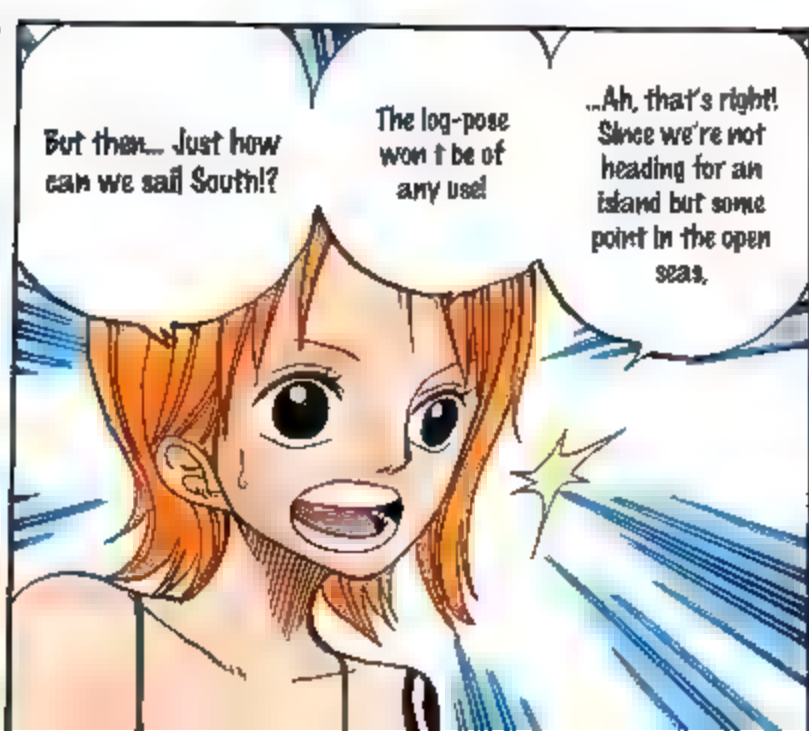
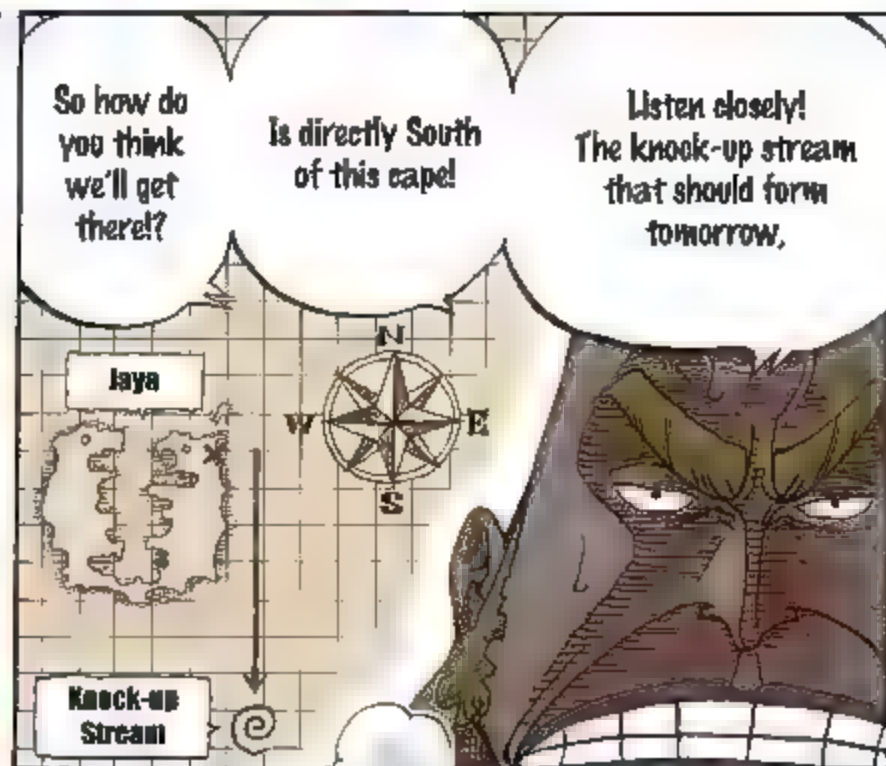
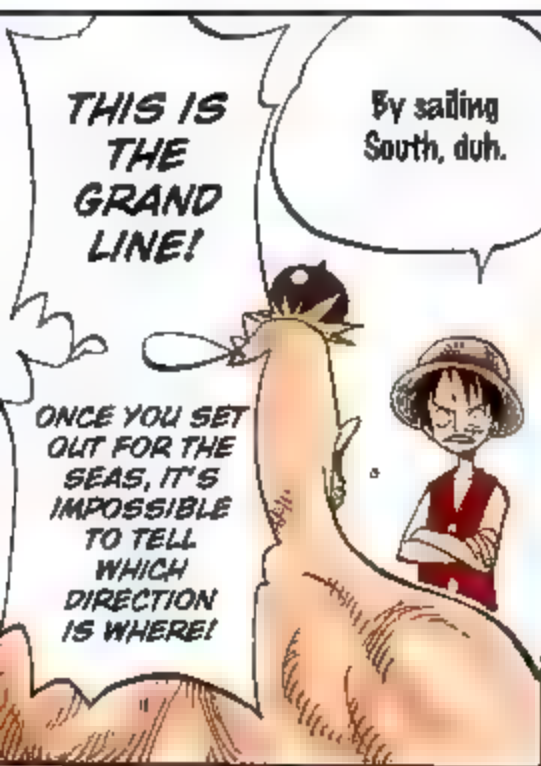
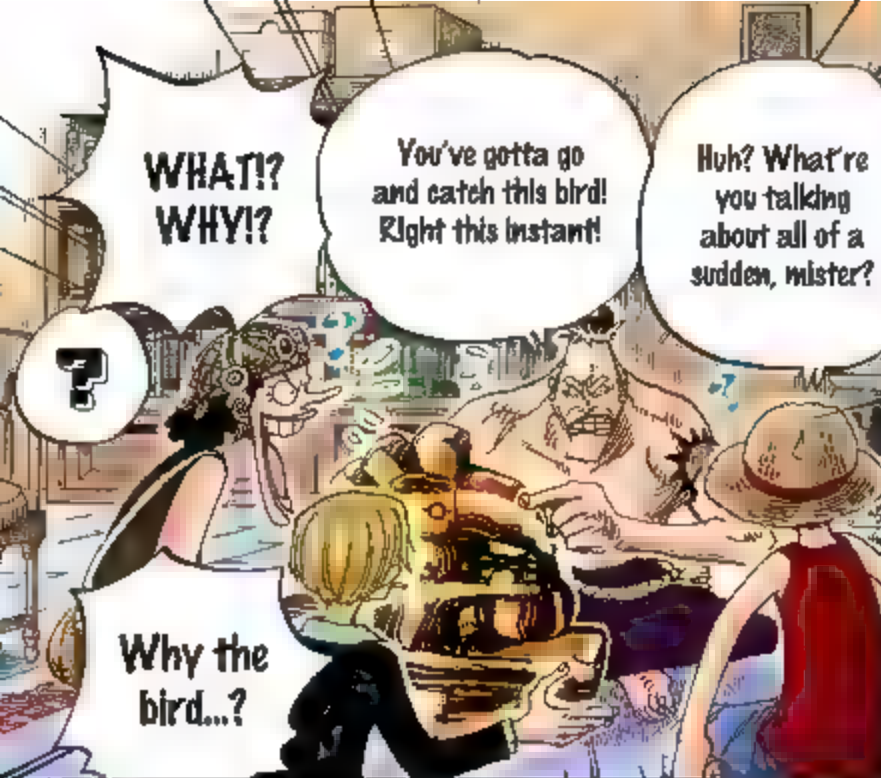
Well, there's
no solid proof
of that.

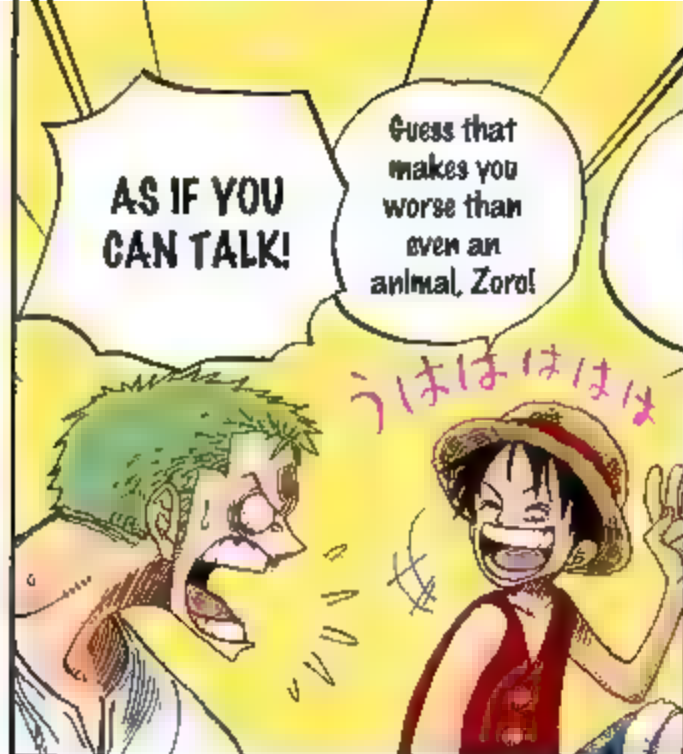
Oh, so the city of
gold does exist!

What
is this?







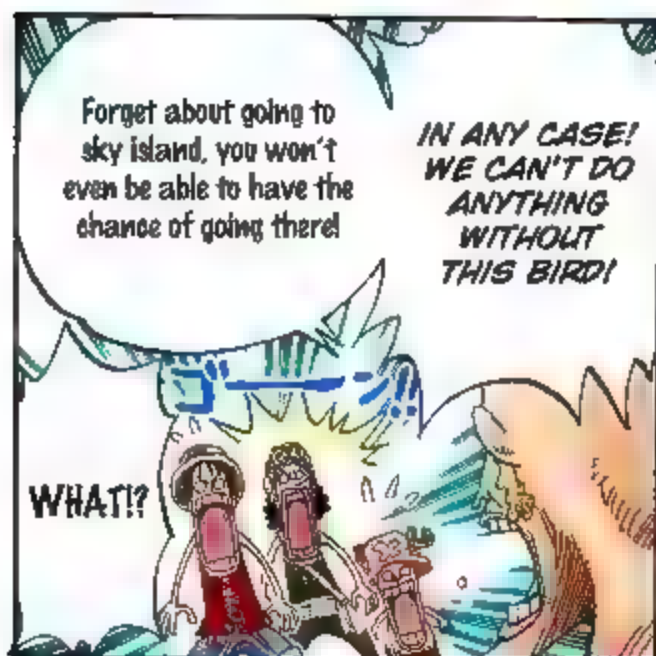
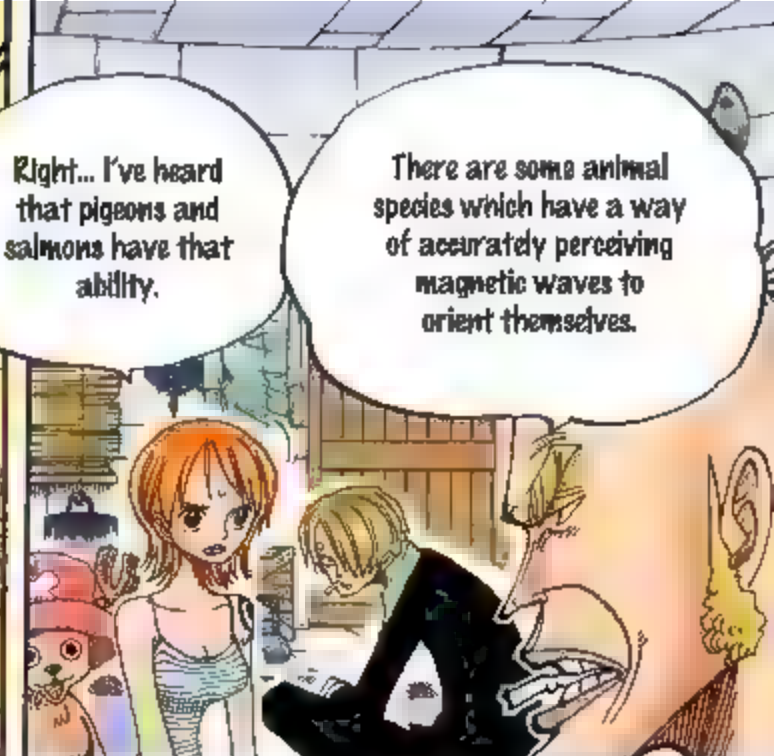


AS IF YOU
CAN TALK!

Guess that
makes you
worse than
even an
animal, Zoro!

Right... I've heard
that pigeons and
salmons have that
ability.

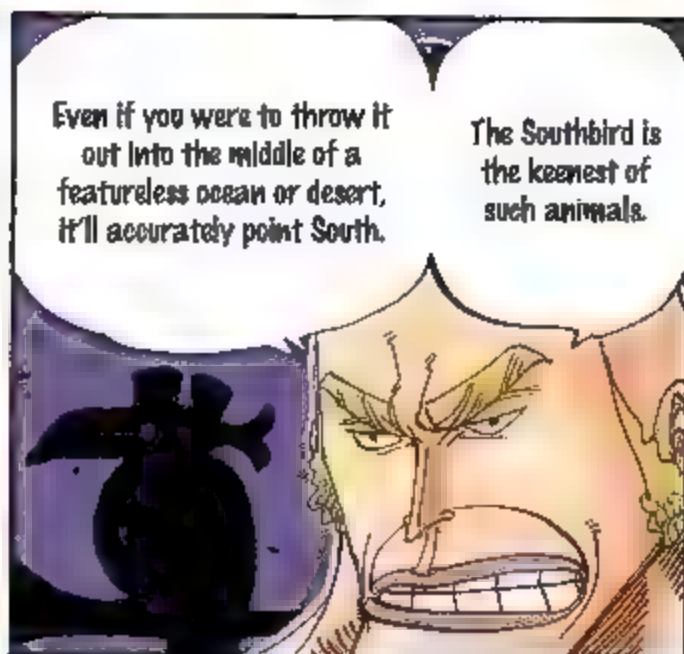
There are some animal
species which have a way
of accurately perceiving
magnetic waves to
orient themselves.



Forget about going to
sky island, you won't
even be able to have the
chance of going there!

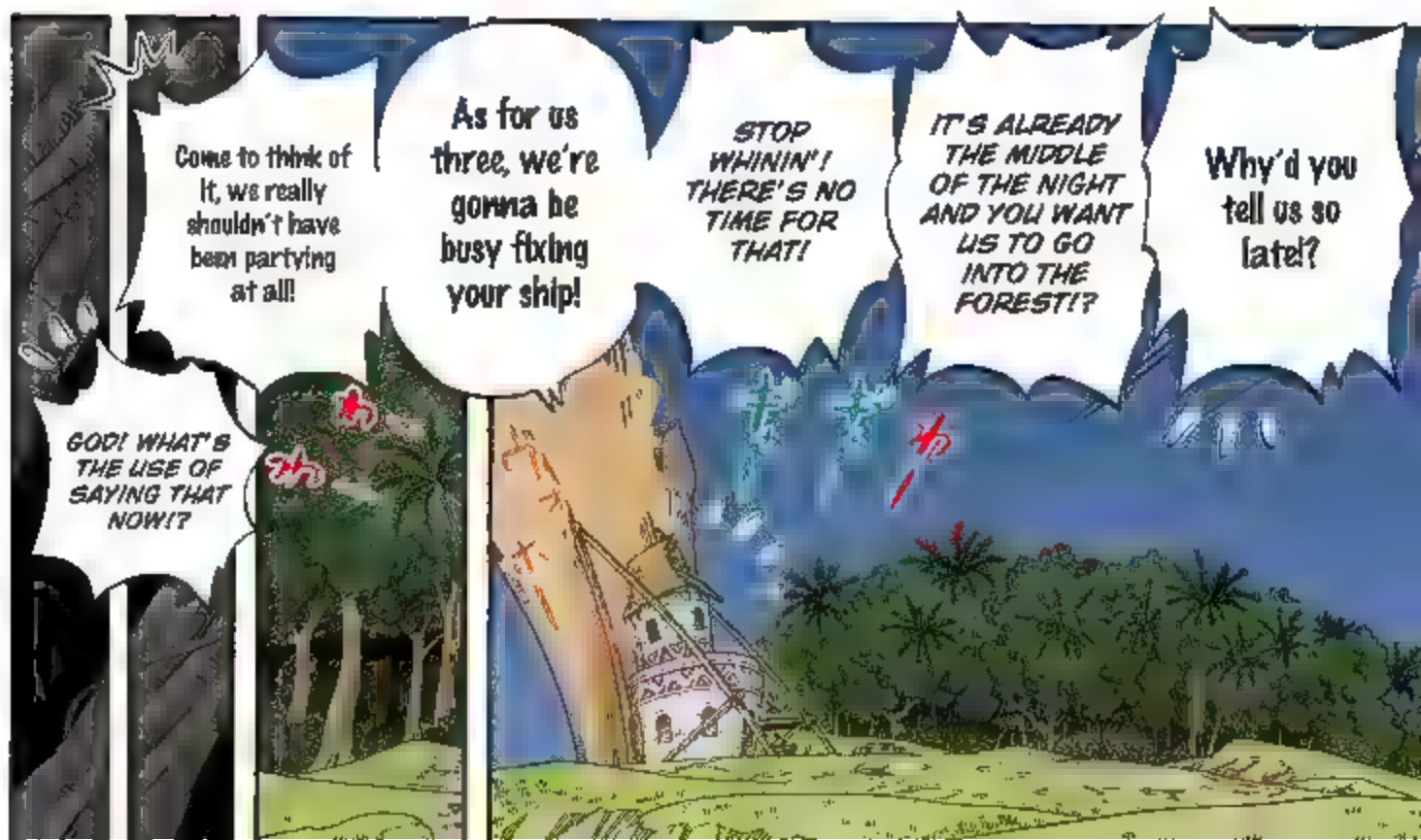
**IN ANY CASE!
WE CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
WITHOUT
THIS BIRD!**

WHAT!?



Even if you were to throw it
out into the middle of a
featureless ocean or desert,
it'll accurately point South.

The Southbird is
the keenest of
such animals.



Come to think of
it, we really
shouldn't have
been partying
at all!

As for us
three, we're
gonna be
busy fixing
your ship!

**STOP
WHININ'!
THERE'S NO
TIME FOR
THAT!**

**IT'S ALREADY
THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT
AND YOU WANT
US TO GO
INTO THE
FOREST!?**

Why'd you
tell us so
late!?

GOD! WHAT'S
THE USE OF
SAYING THAT
NOW!?

BY THE TIME
THE SUN
RISES...!

YOU BETTER
HAVE CAUGHT
ONE
SOUTHBIRD,

WHOA...

IT'S PITCH
BLACK IN
HERE!

Well, let's catch this
thing quickly so we
can go back and
drink some more...

Stop holding
onto me!

Why'd things have
to come to this all
of a sudden?

UGHH...
I THINK
I ATE TOO
MUCH...



If we knew where it exactly was, we wouldn't have all come here looking for it!

So where's the bird?

MAN, WOULD IT HAVE KILLED YA TO TELL US THIS DURING THE DAY!?



Well, he said we'd understand once we entered the forest...



Does a bizarre-looking bird like that really even exist?

What do they even mean by a "peculiar cry?" It's way too vague!

Our only two hints are its peculiar cry,

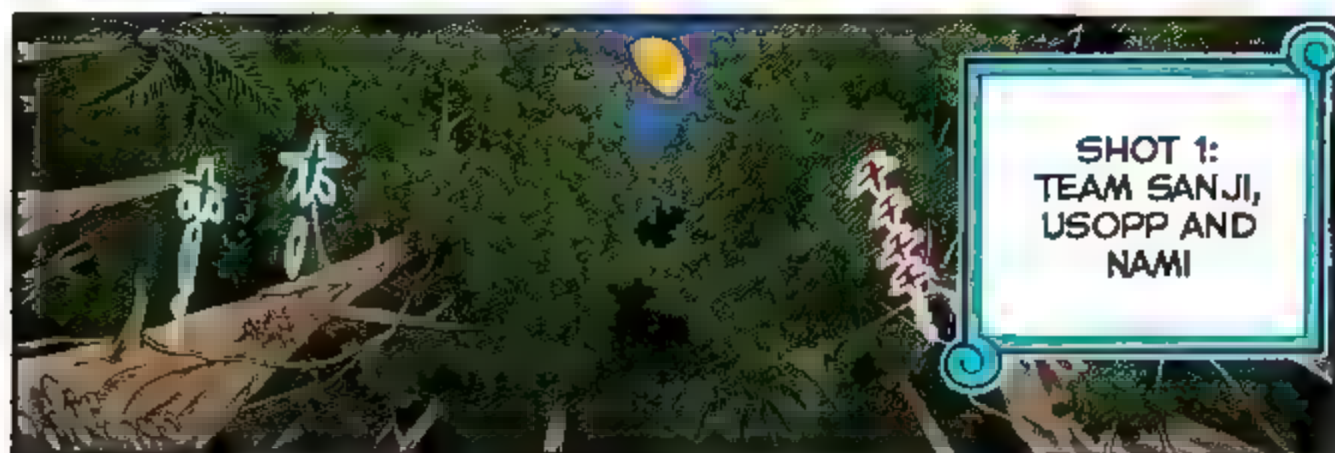
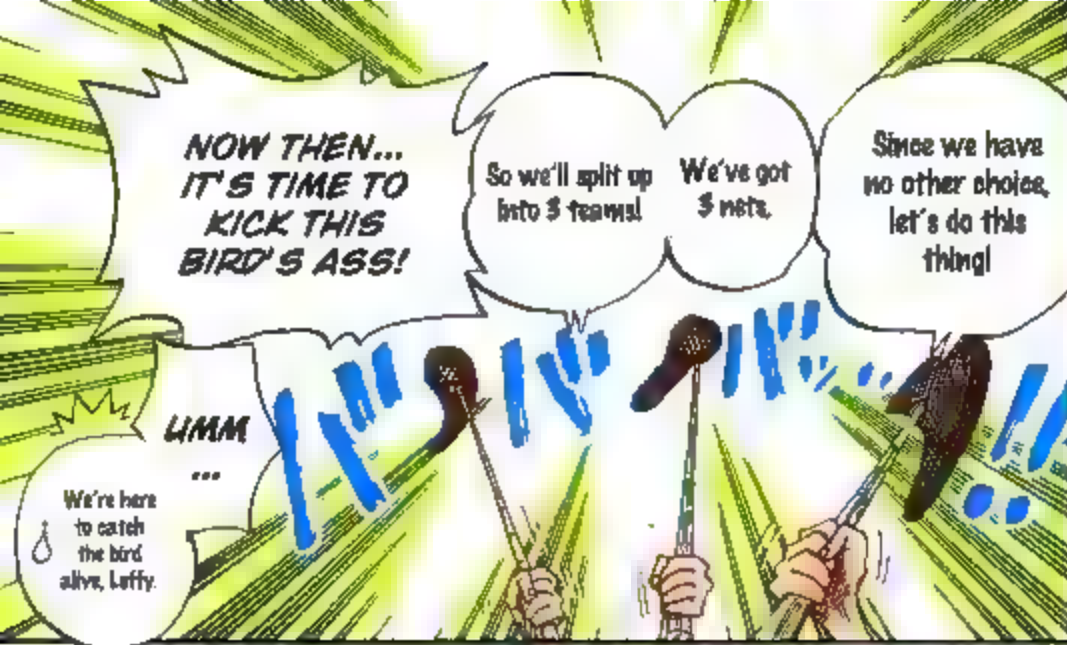
And that it looks like the gold figure we saw earlier.

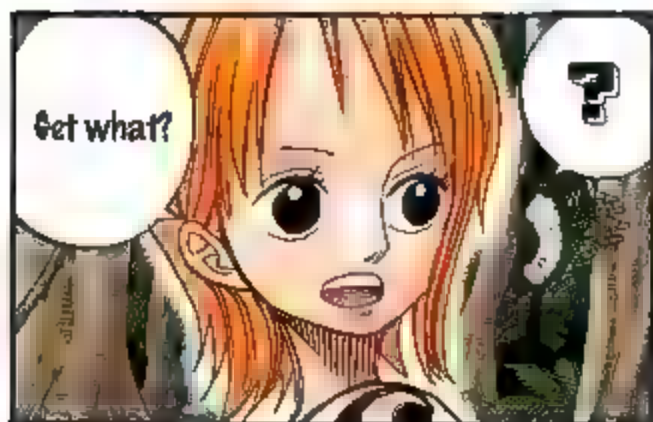
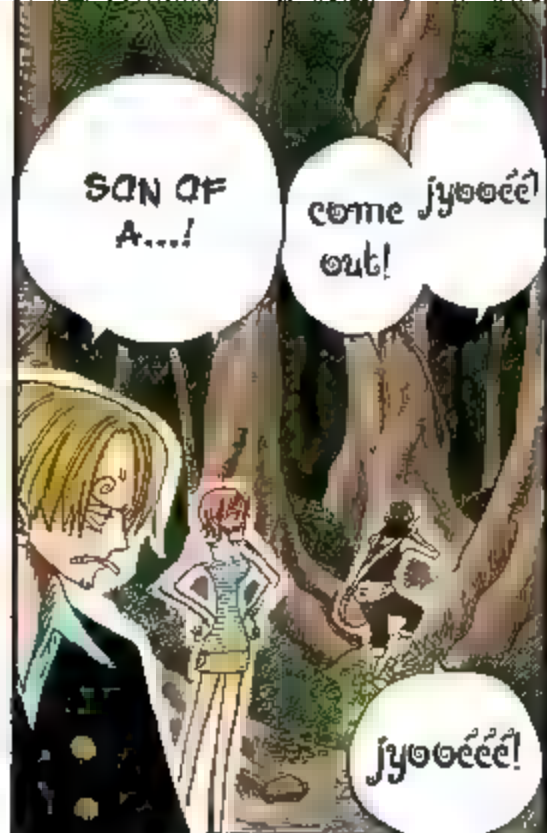


What kind of queer-ass cry is that?

jyooééé!

THAT'S IT FOR SURE...





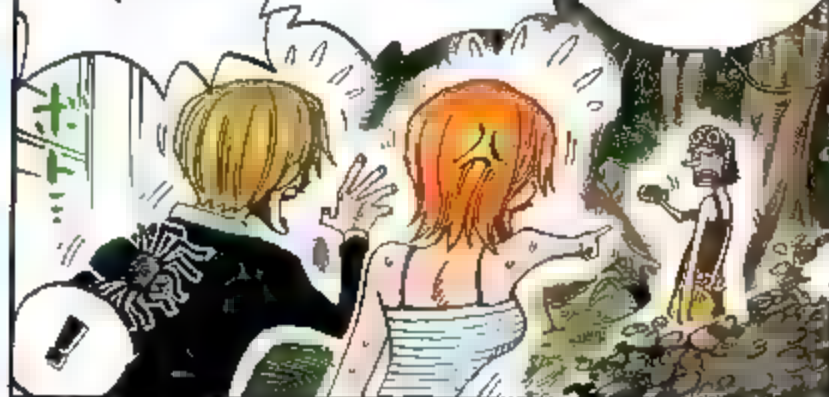
GET IT OFF,
GET IT OFF,
GET IT OFF
OF ME!

AGHHH!
THEY'RE
FALLING
DOWN FROM
THE TREE!

Get away from
it, Usopp!
That's definitely
a venomous
spider!

It's BECAUSE it's
a spider that
we're grossed out!
Throw it away
somewhere!

What, it's
just a spider.



ME
NEITHER!
I HATE
THEM ALL!

WELL I DON'T
WANT ANYTHING
TO DO WITH
THOSE KINDS
OF CREEPY
CRAWLIES!

I used to do stage
a lot of spider-
fights back in
the day...

It's probably
a type of
tarantula.

HURRY
UP AND
TOSS IT
FAR
AWAY!



CP RUL..

Don't worry,
it won't bite as
long as you
don't hurt it.

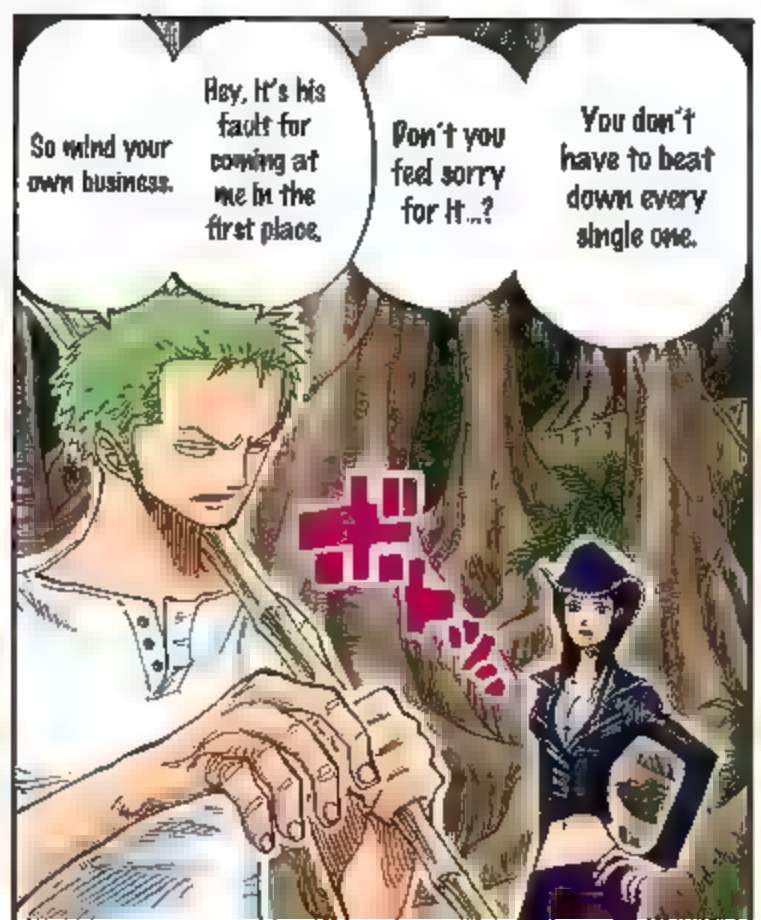
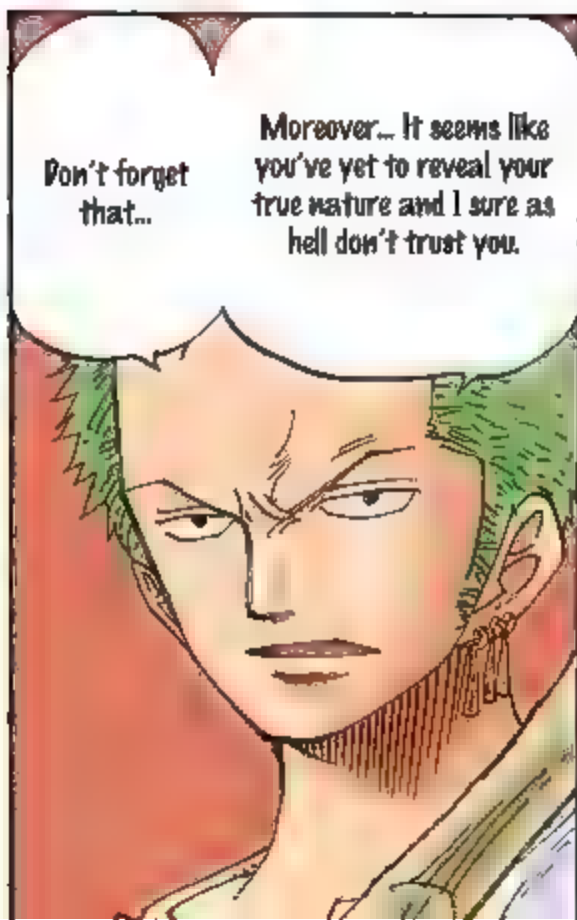
MOTHS AND
CENTIPEDES
ARE NOT OKAY
EITHER!

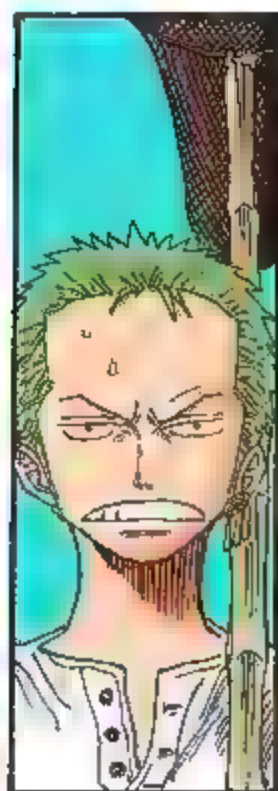
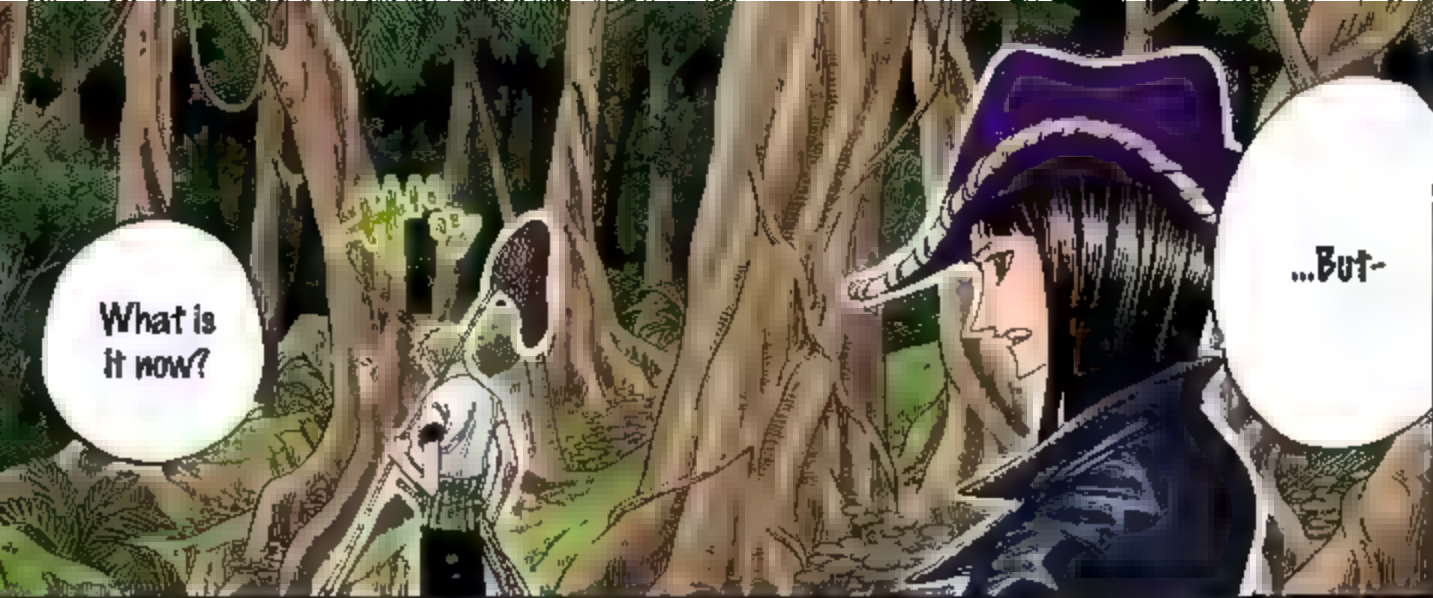


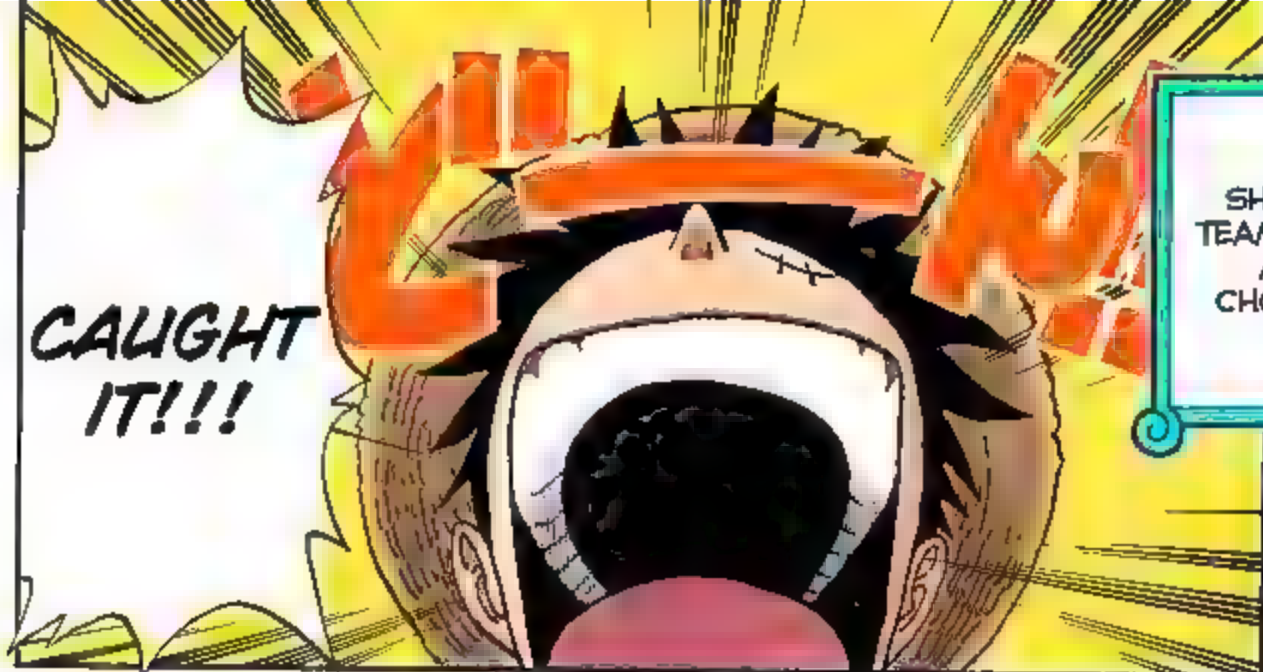
!!?

Oh... But you're
fine with the
moths and centi-
pedes back there?









**CAUGHT
IT!!!**

SHOT 3:
TEAM LUFFY
AND
CHOPPER



NGHHH...!
HARD TO
SAY...!

Then what's
greater, an
Atlas beetle or
One Piece?



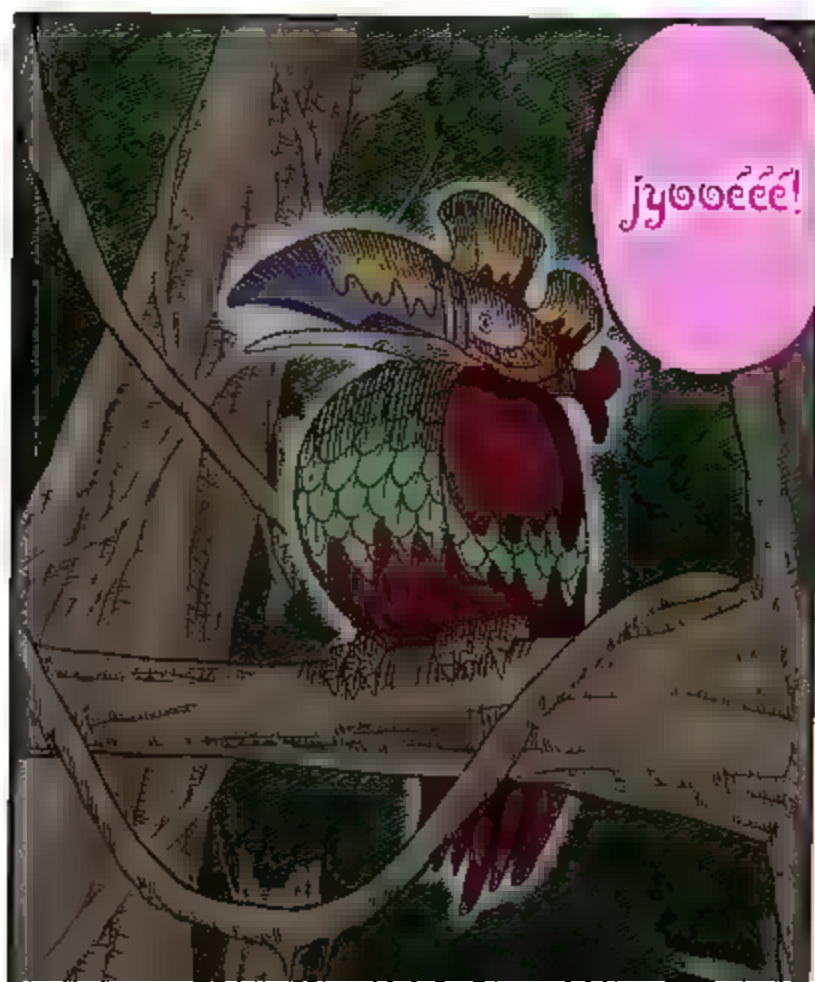
That's right! Atlas
and Hercules beetles
are every child's
dream in this world!

An atlas?

**LOOK,
CHOPPER!
AN ATLAS
BEETLE!**

What, these
rhinoceros
beetles?

WIDDLE
WIDDLE

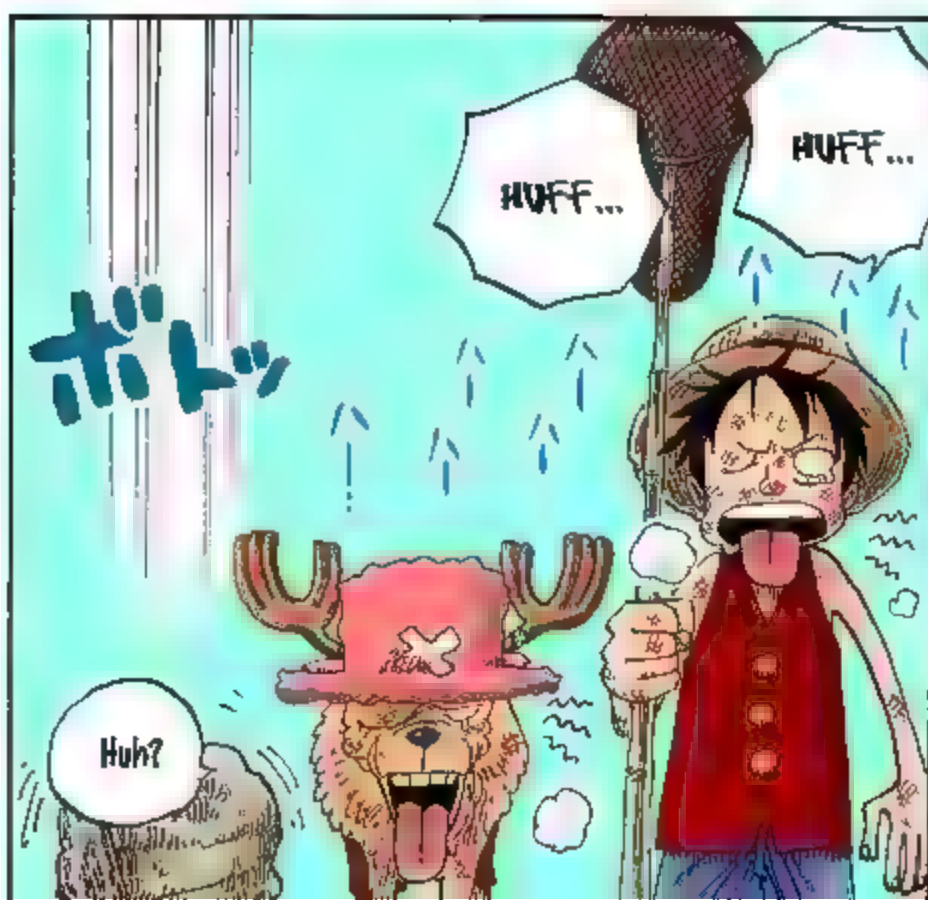
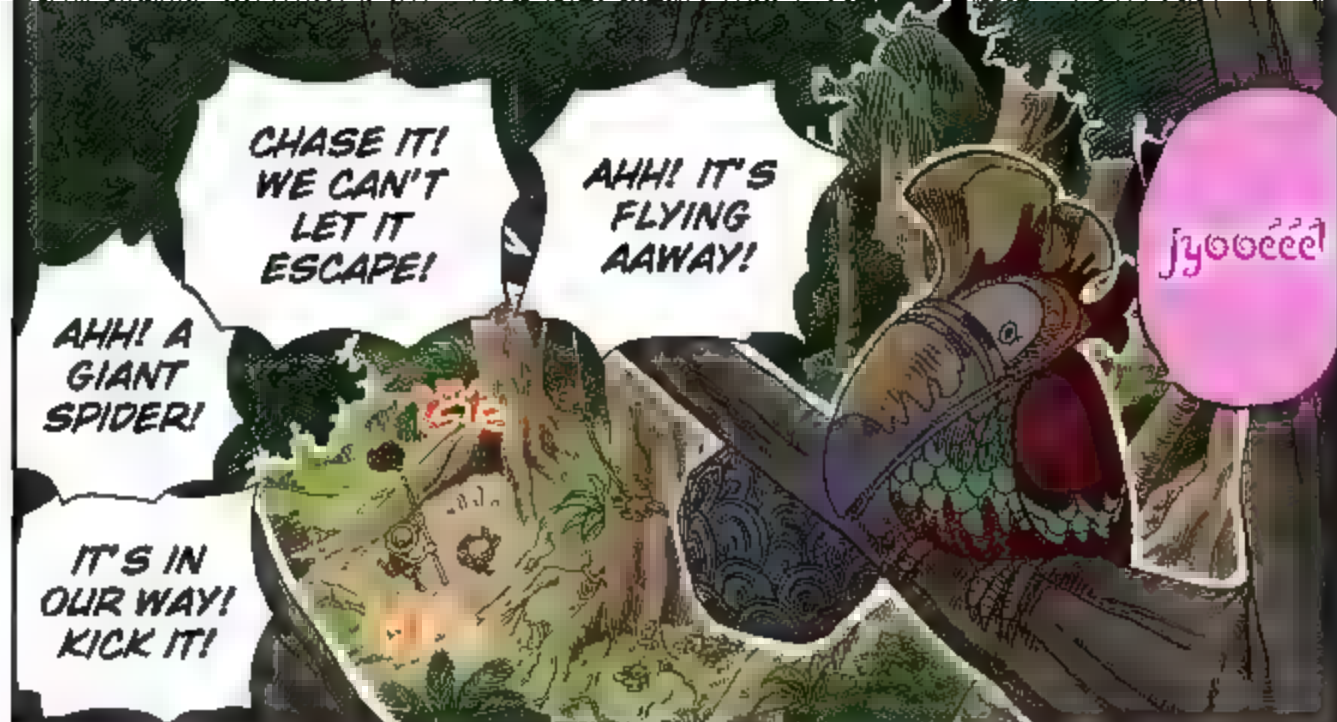


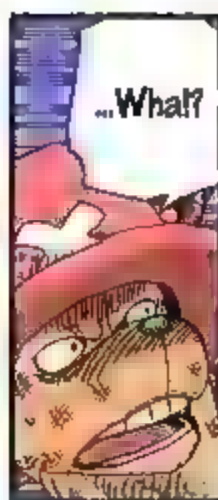
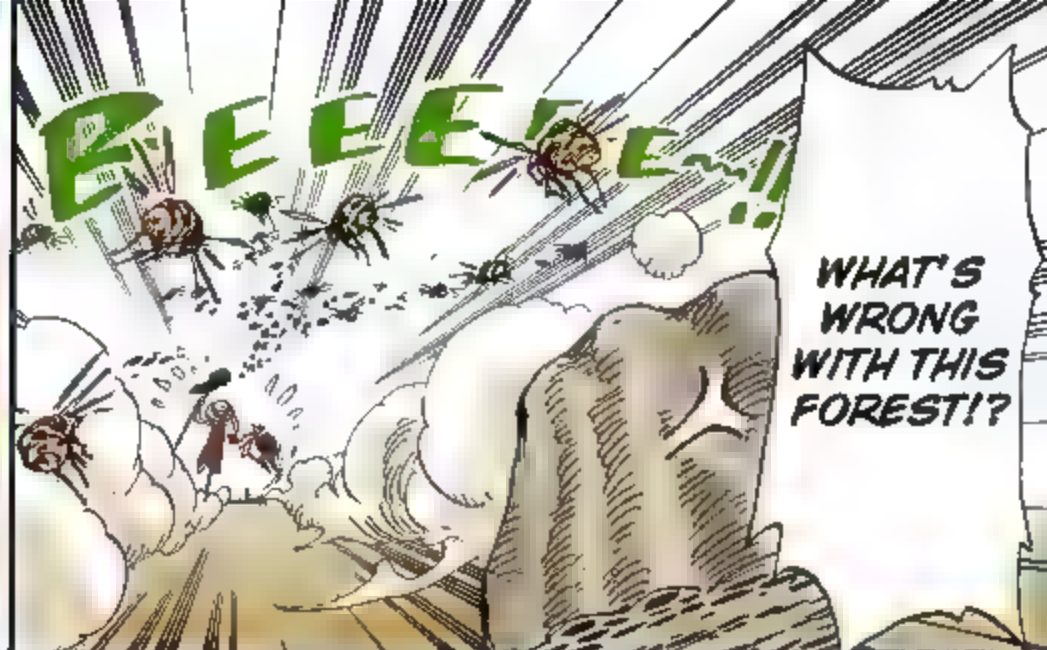
うはな♡

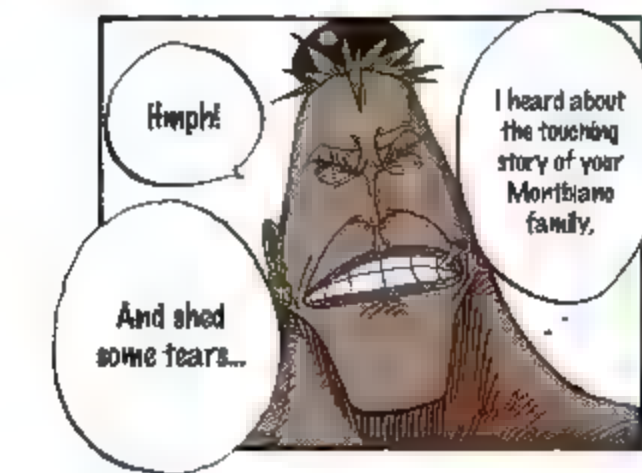


**WHOOAAA!
IT'S A STAG
BEETLE!**

Luffy, there's
one here too!



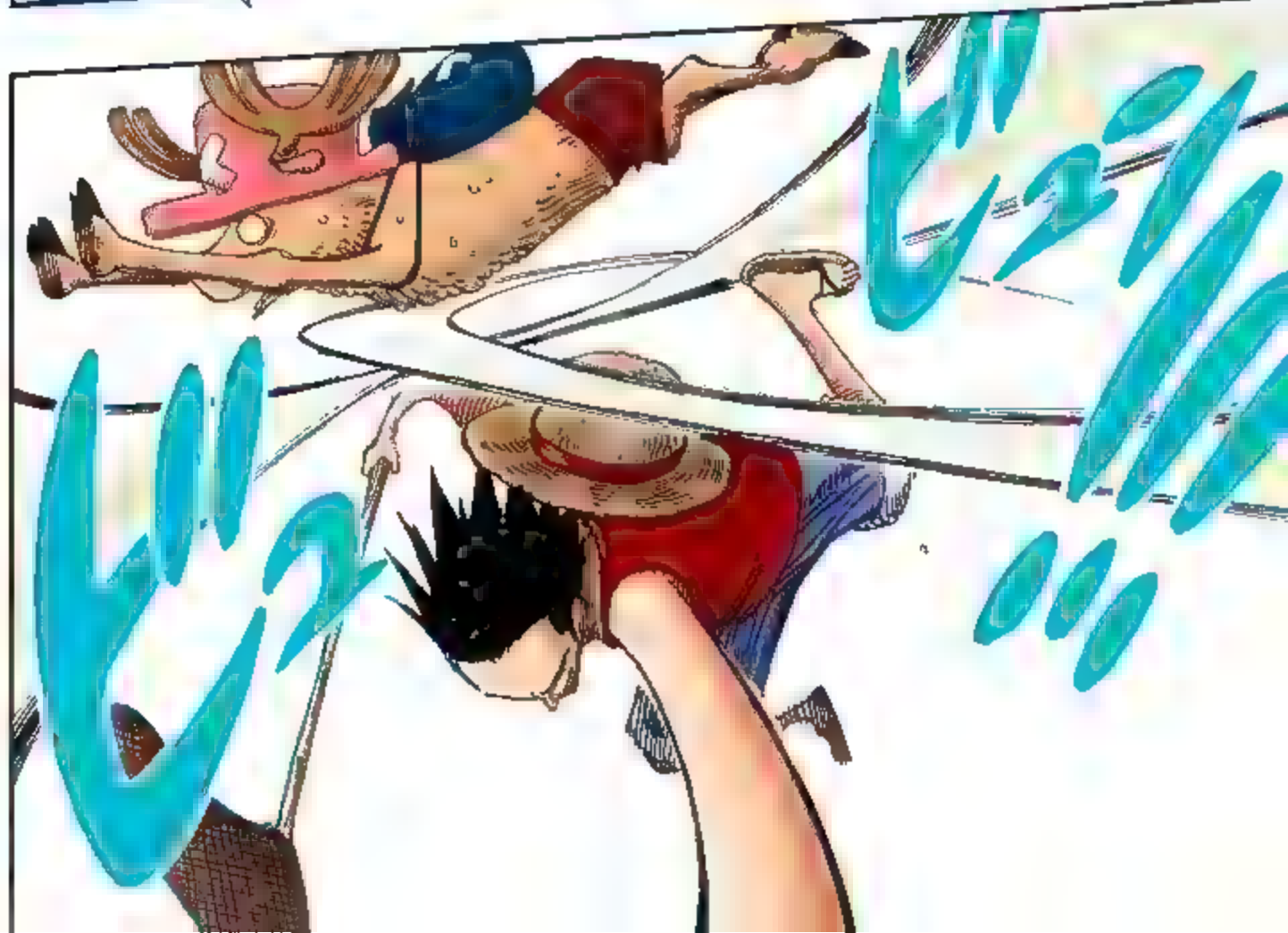


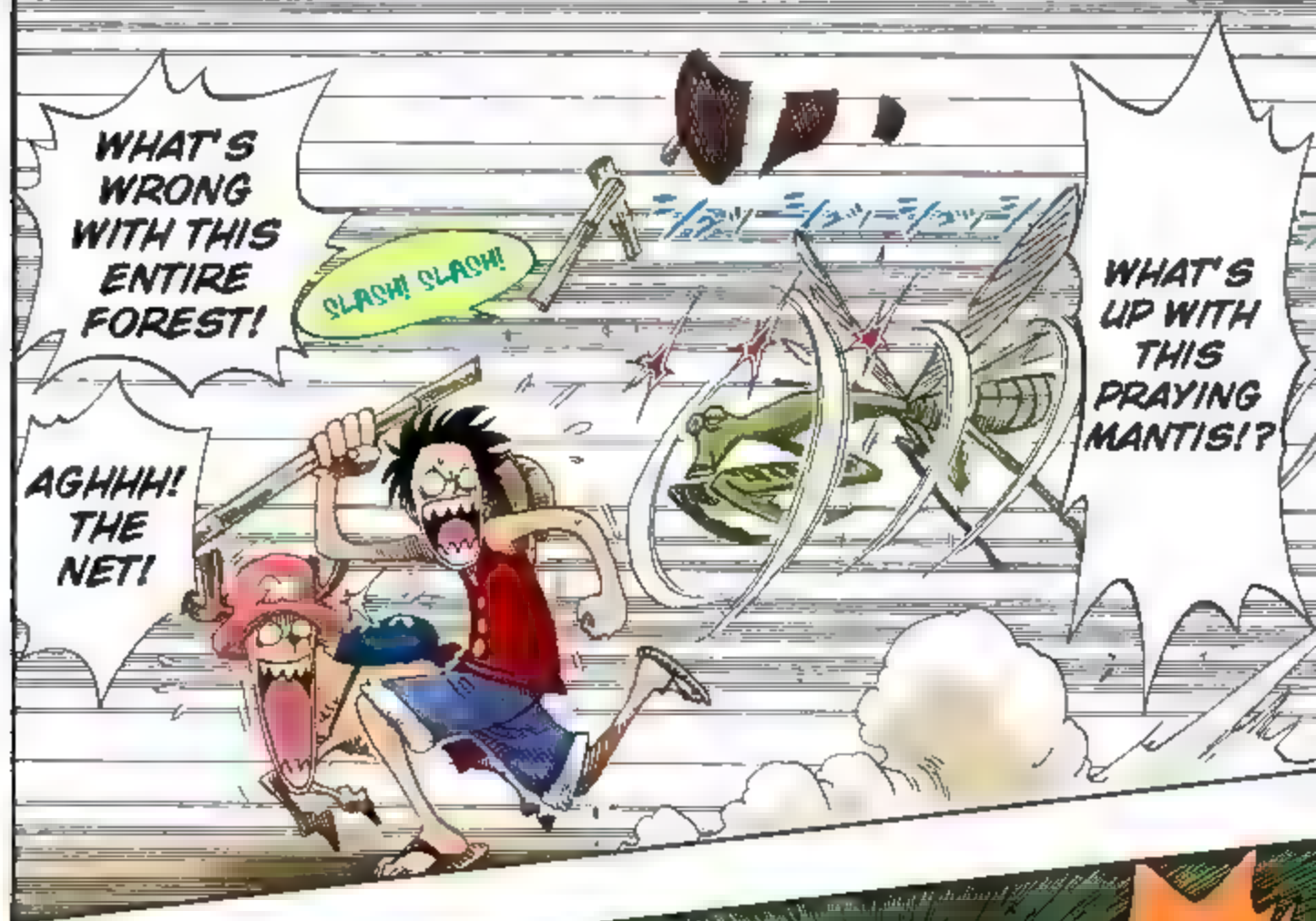


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“Bellamy the Hyena”



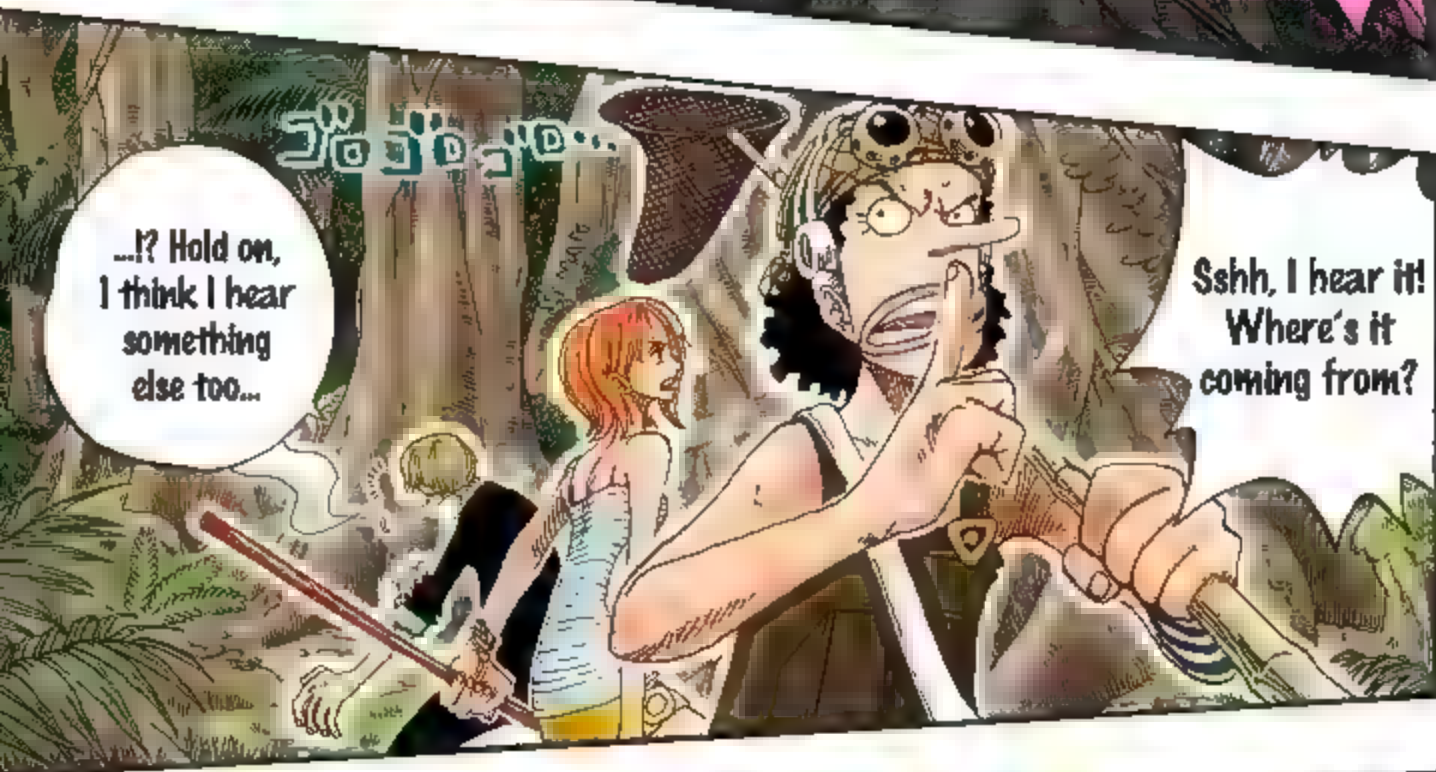






Jeeee!

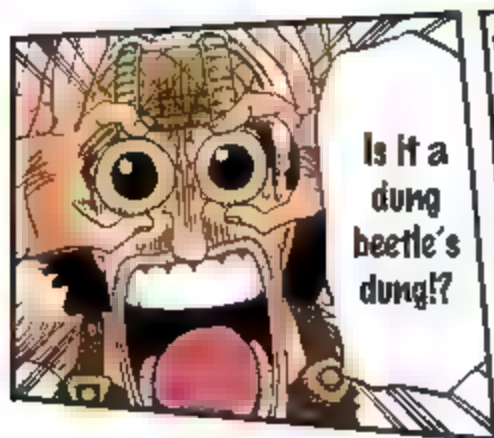
Jeeee!



...!!

...!? Hold on,
I think I hear
something
else too...

Sshh, I hear it!
Where's it
coming from?



Is it a
dung
beetle's
dung!?

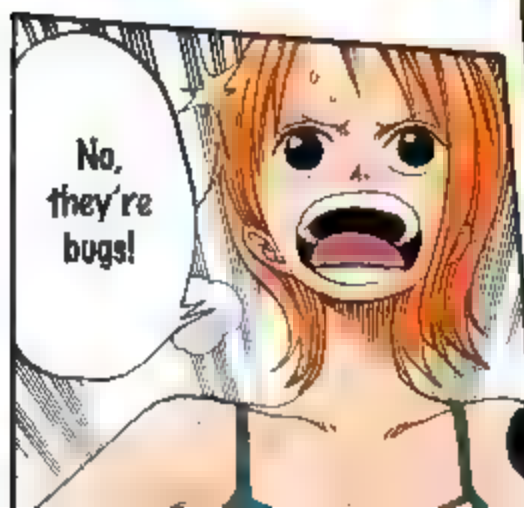


...The hell? I think
we've got... boulders
rolling towards us!



!!

Up
there!



No,
they're
bugs!

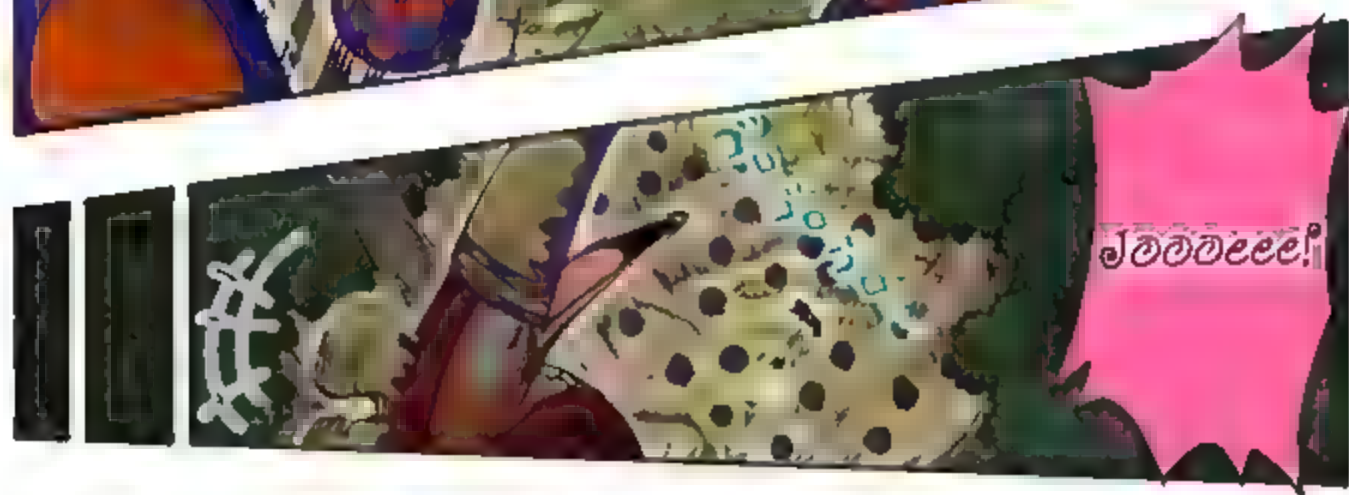




HOLY
CRAP,
THEY'RE
HU-

LADYBUGS!

OWW!



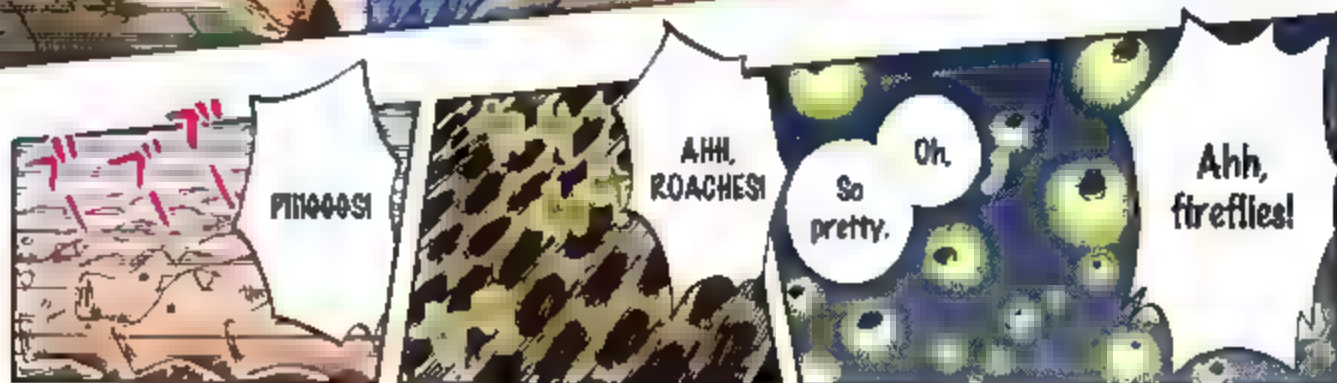
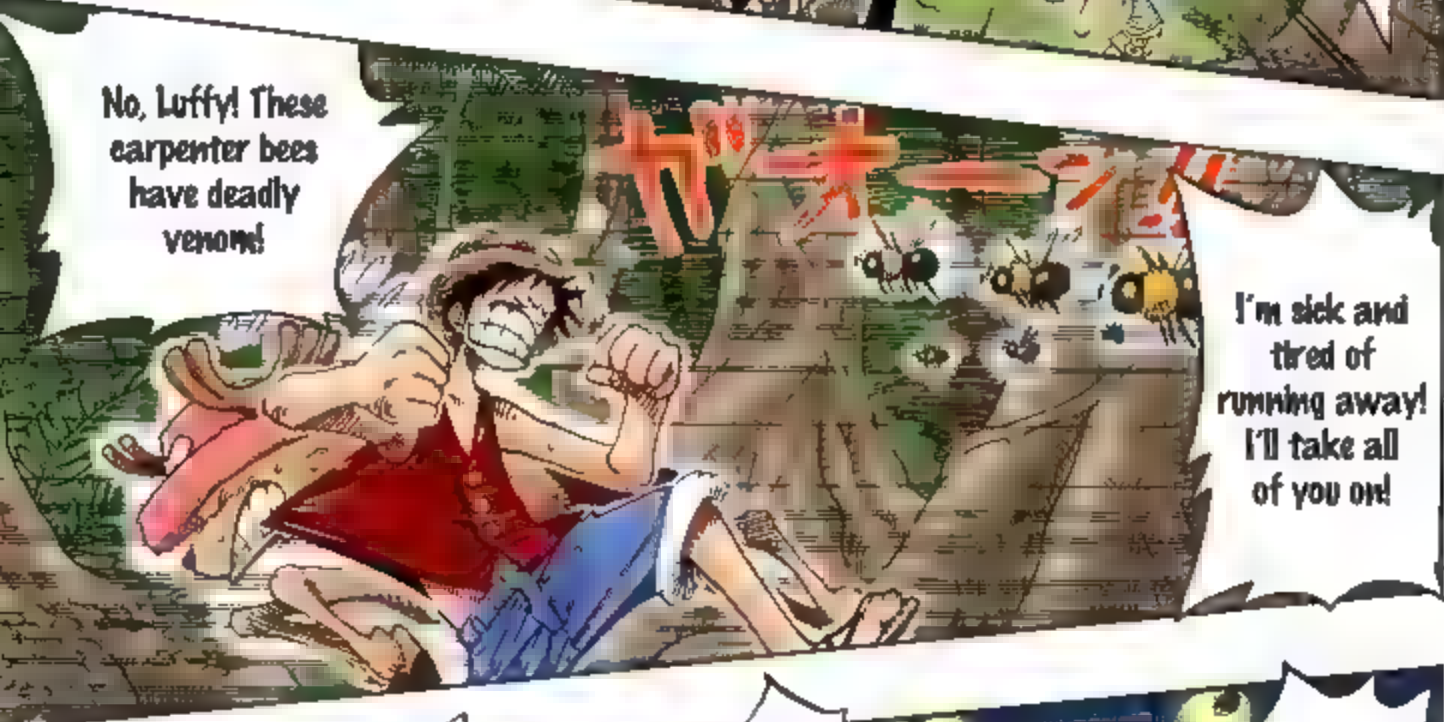
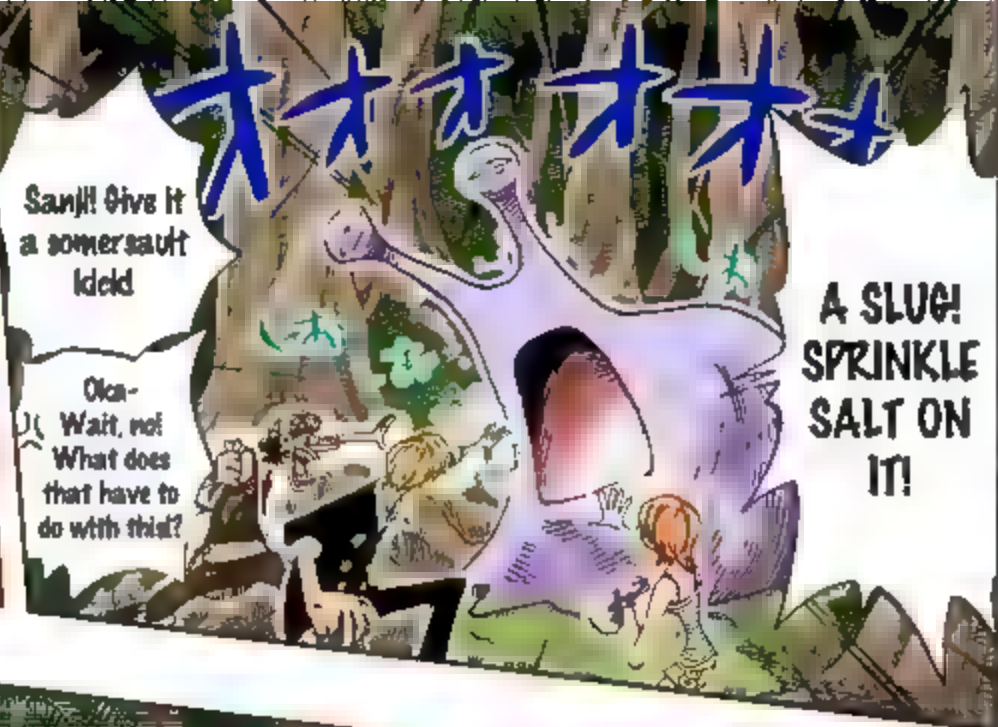
Jooooee!

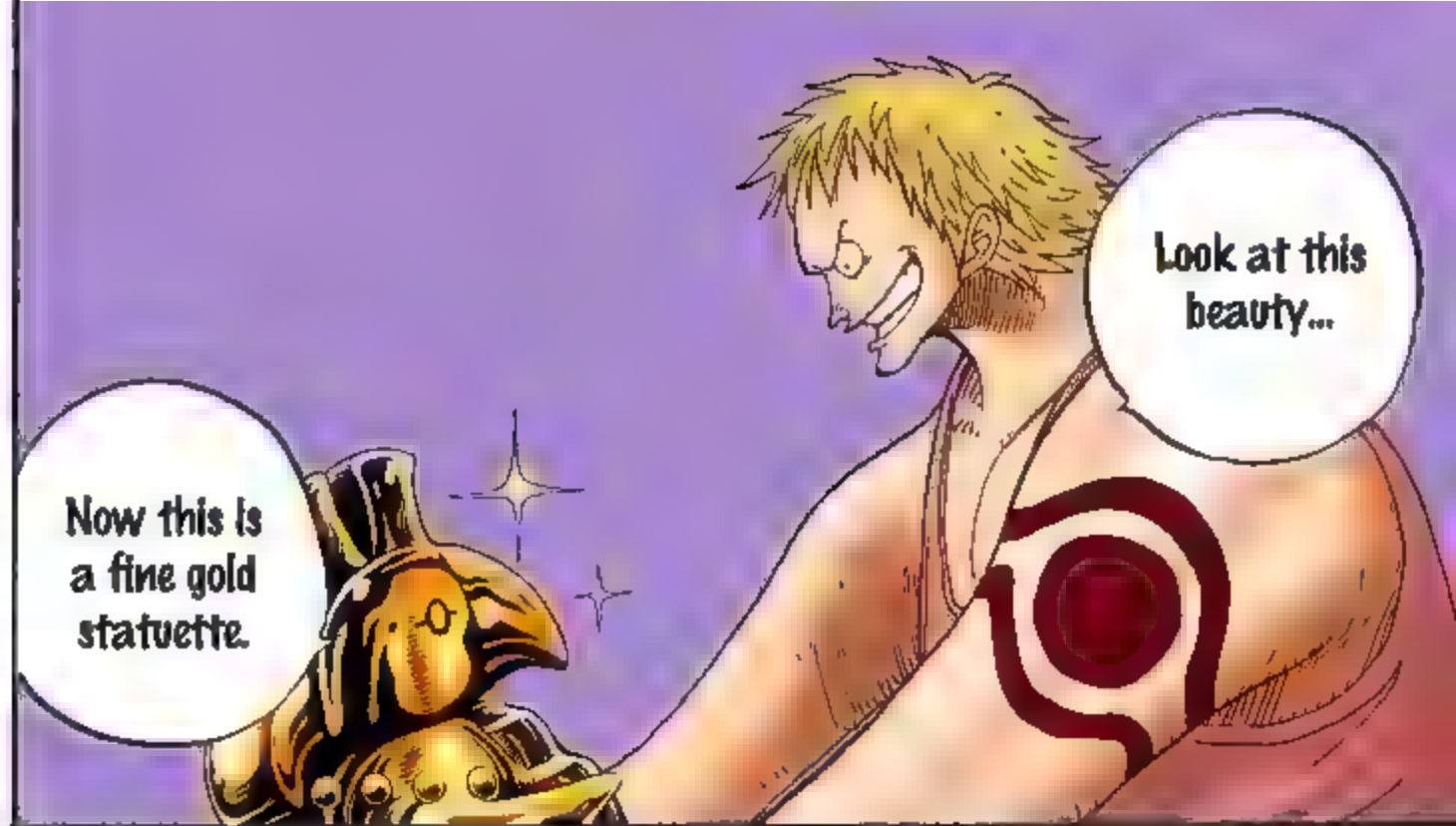


Do you really
think you can
beat me or
something!?

It's the
bird-cry
again...

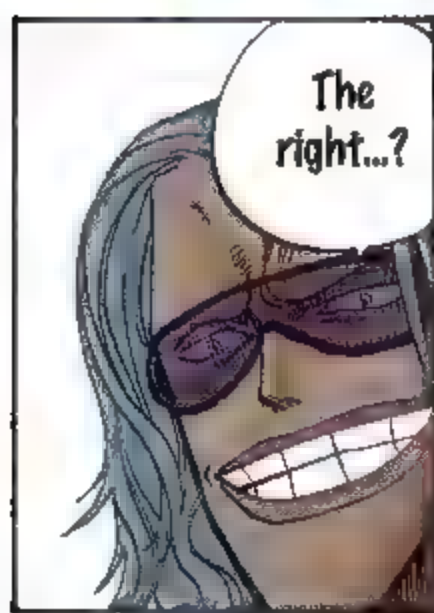
God, there's
no end to
this mole
cricket
swarm! Stop
trying to
attack me,
you're in
my way!



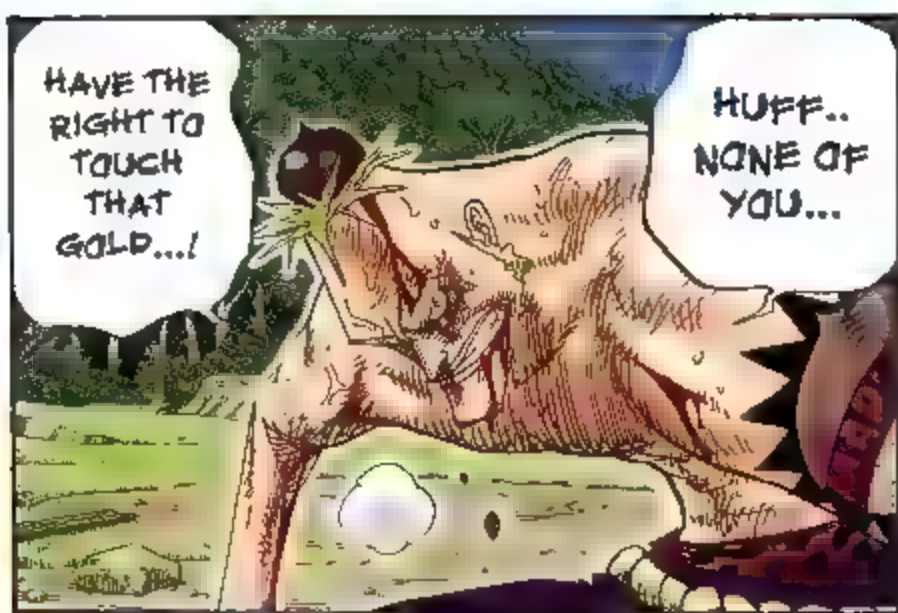


Look at this beauty...

Now this is a fine gold statuette.

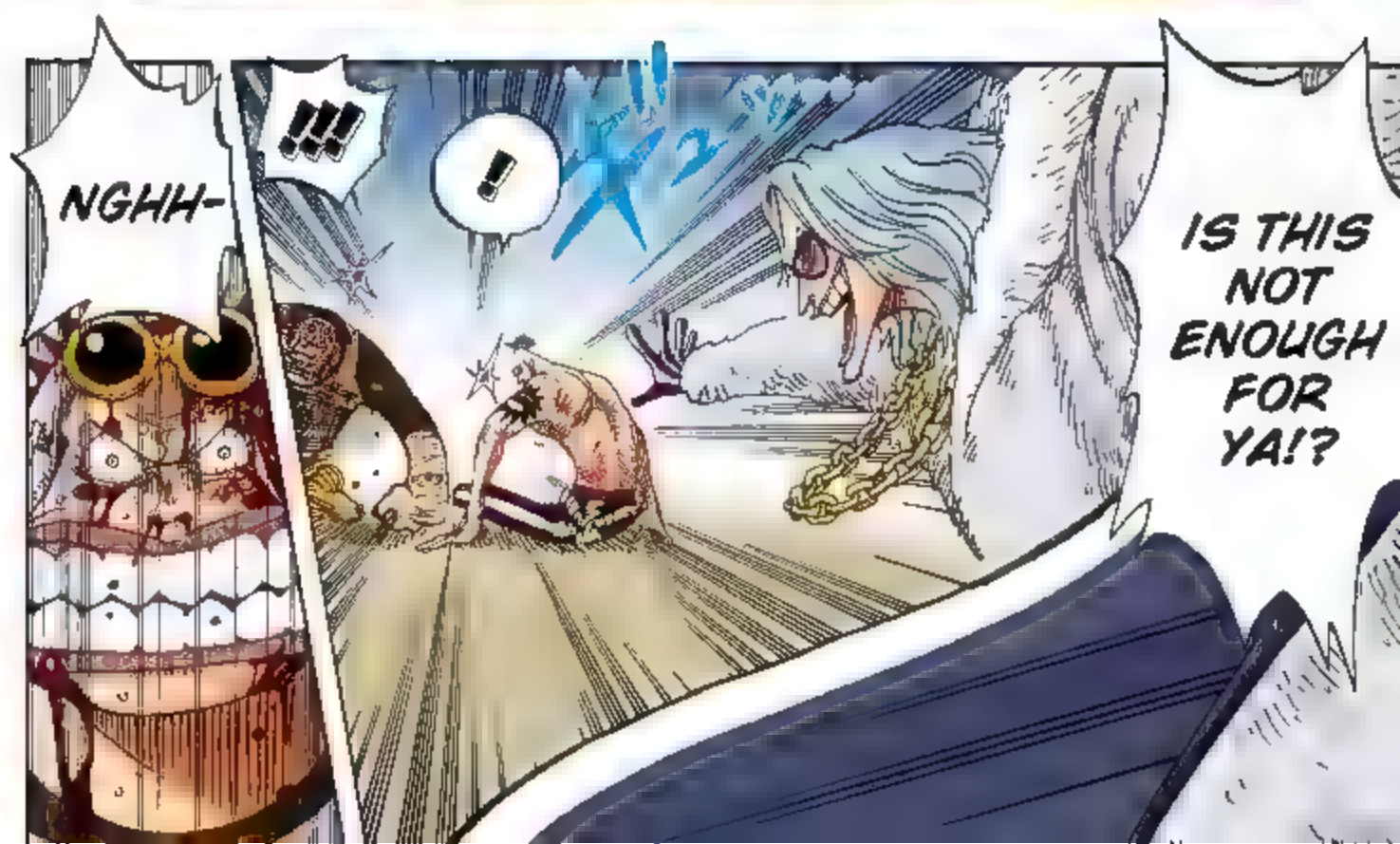


The right...?



HAVE THE RIGHT TO TOUCH THAT GOLD...!

HUFF.. NONE OF YOU...

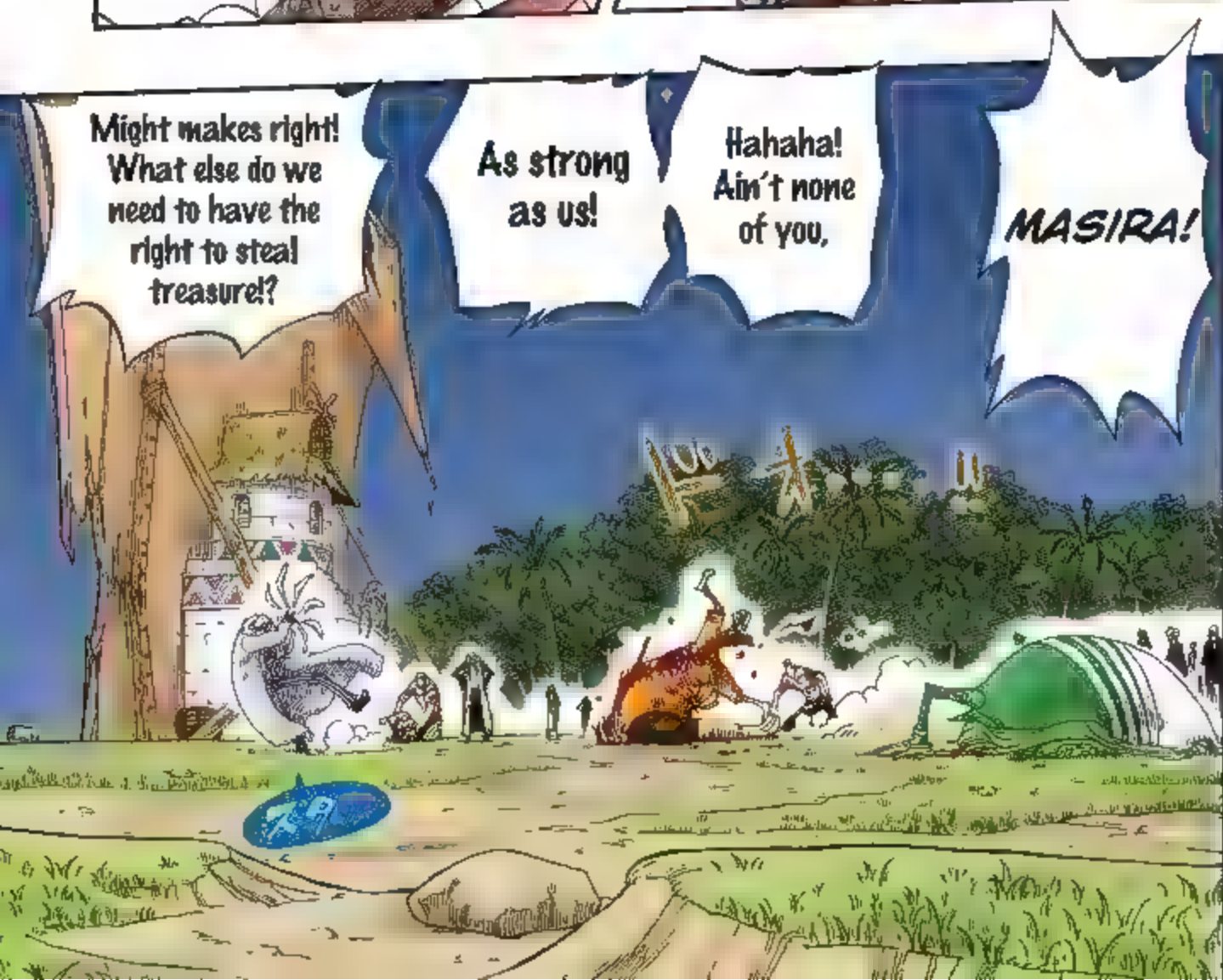
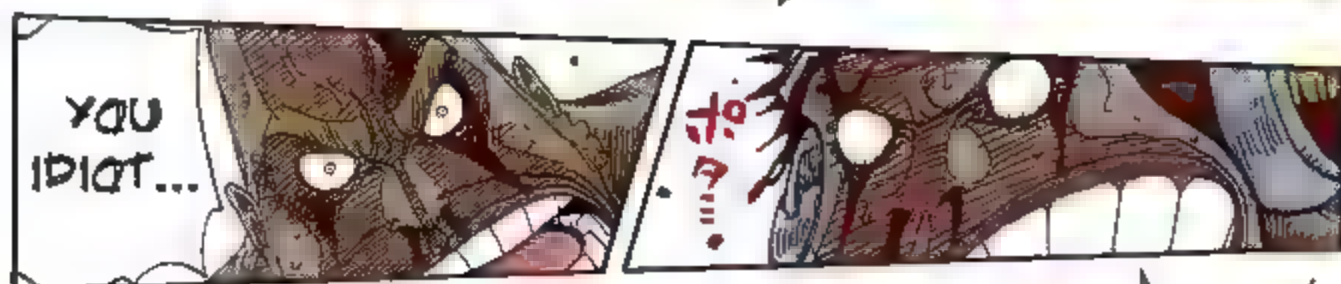
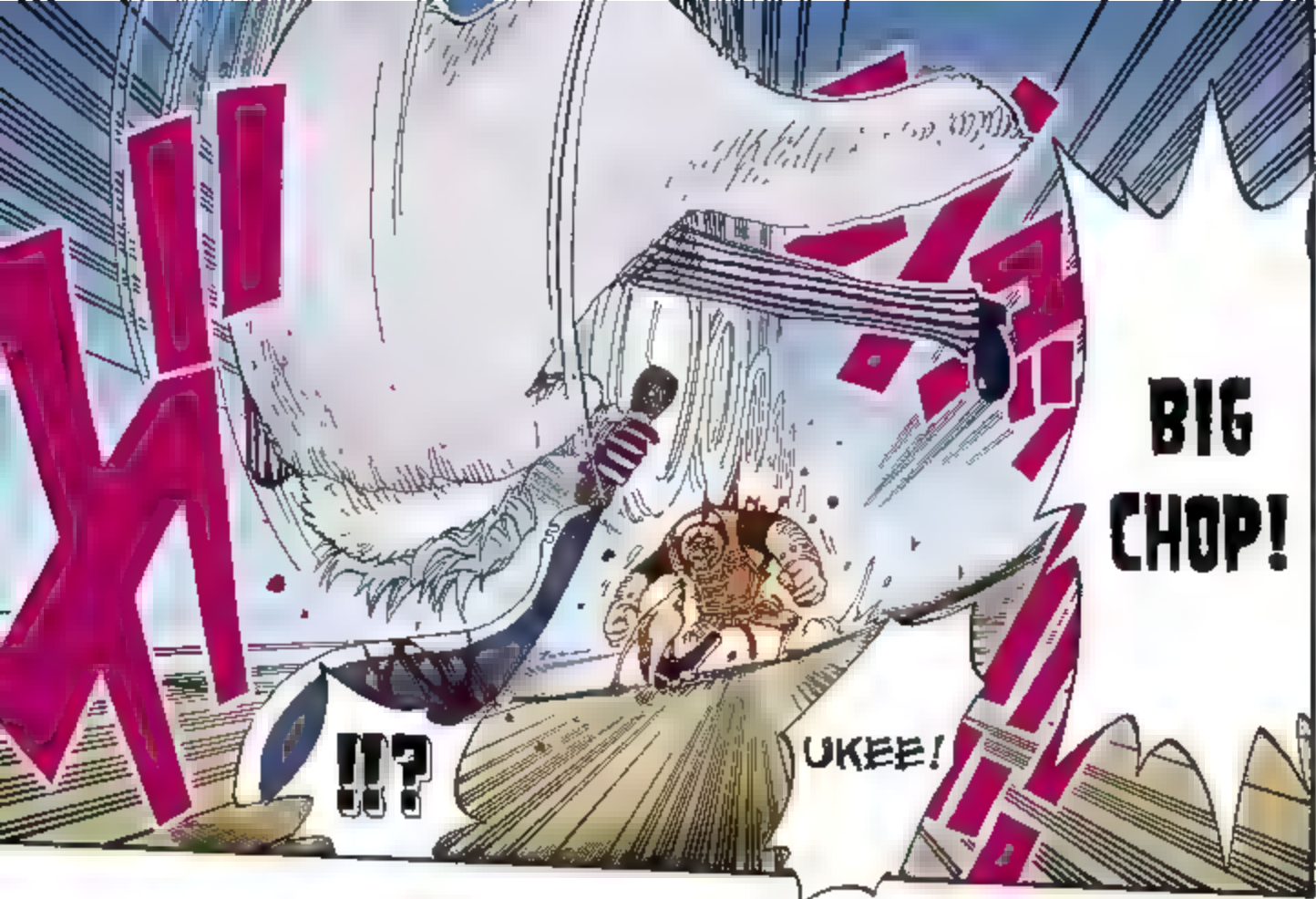


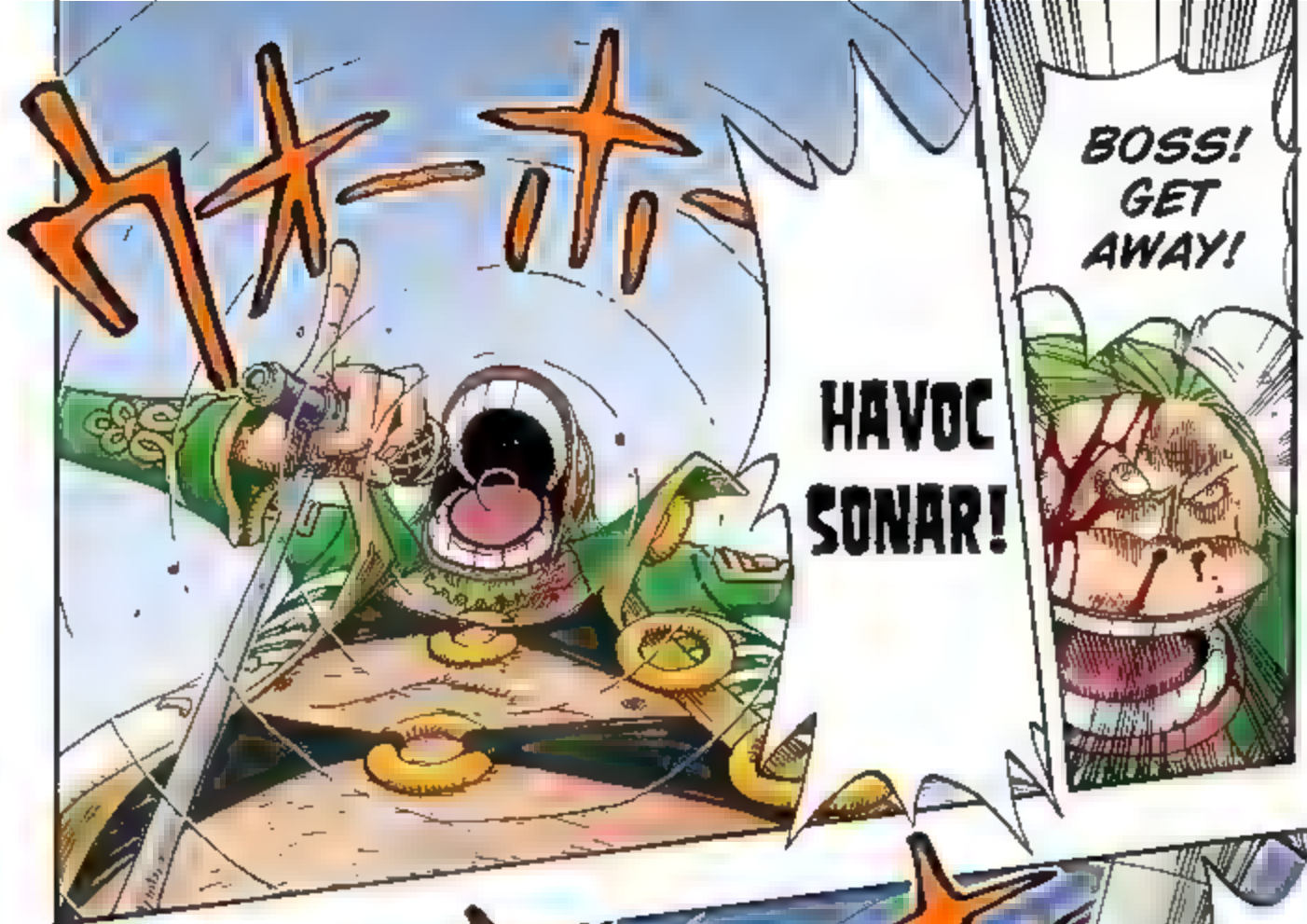
NGHH-

!!!

!

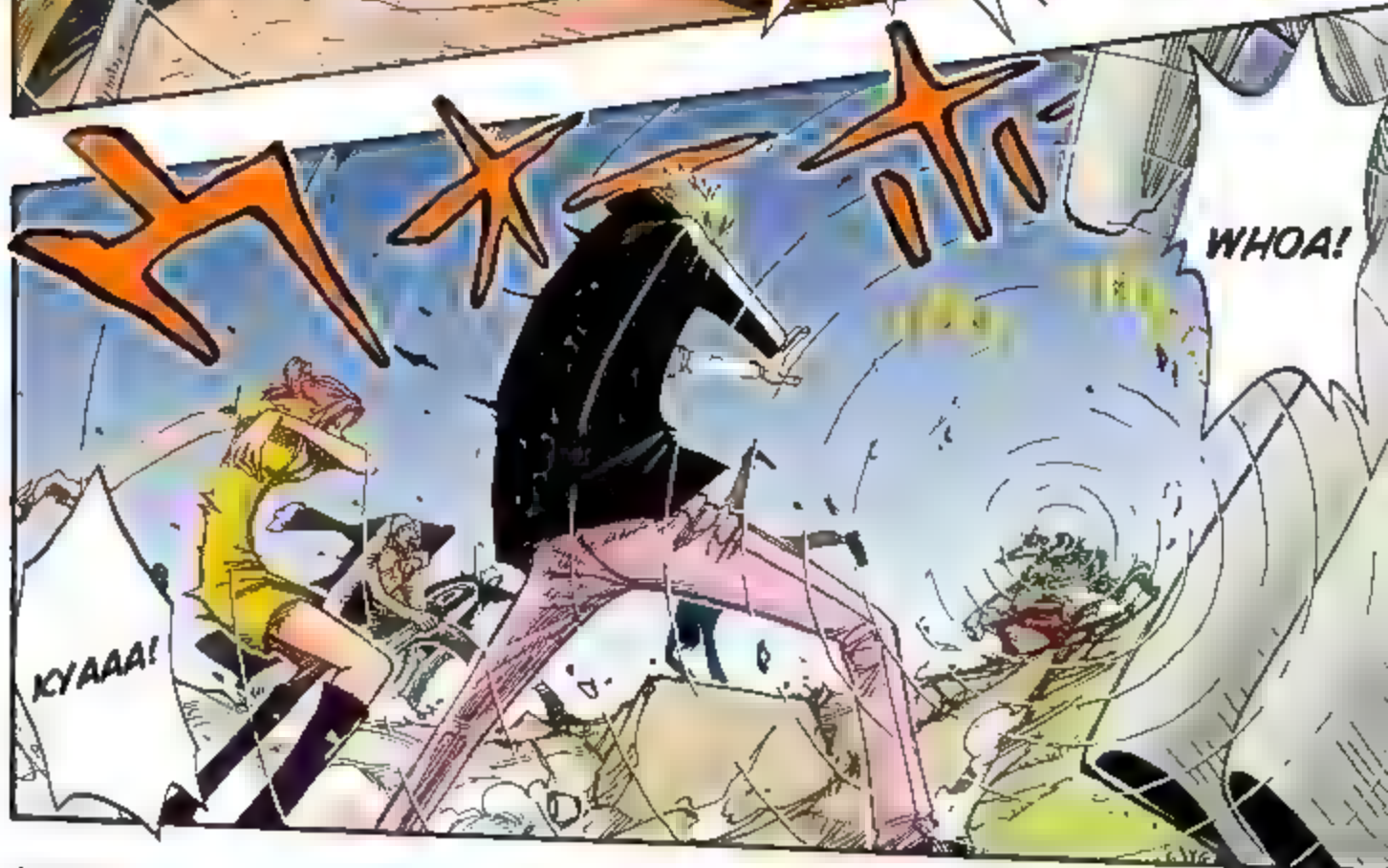
IS THIS NOT ENOUGH FOR YA!?





**HAVOC
SONAR!**

**BOSS!
GET
AWAY!**



WHOA!

KYAAA!

Spring Spring Fruit

**Bane Bane
no Mi's
ability again...**

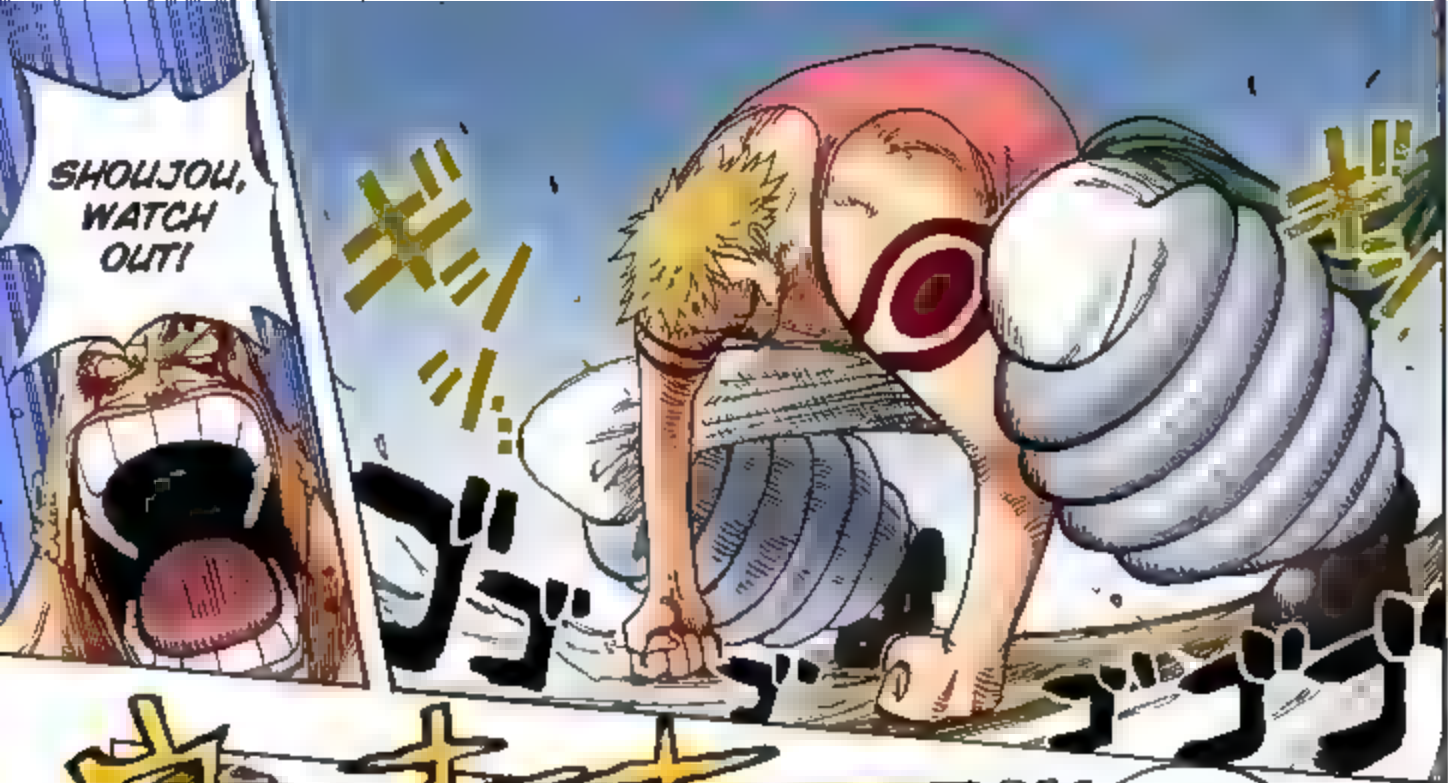
**He's using
his...**

**Hold up,
Sarkies.**

**That
son of
a...**

**I'll finish
that one off.**

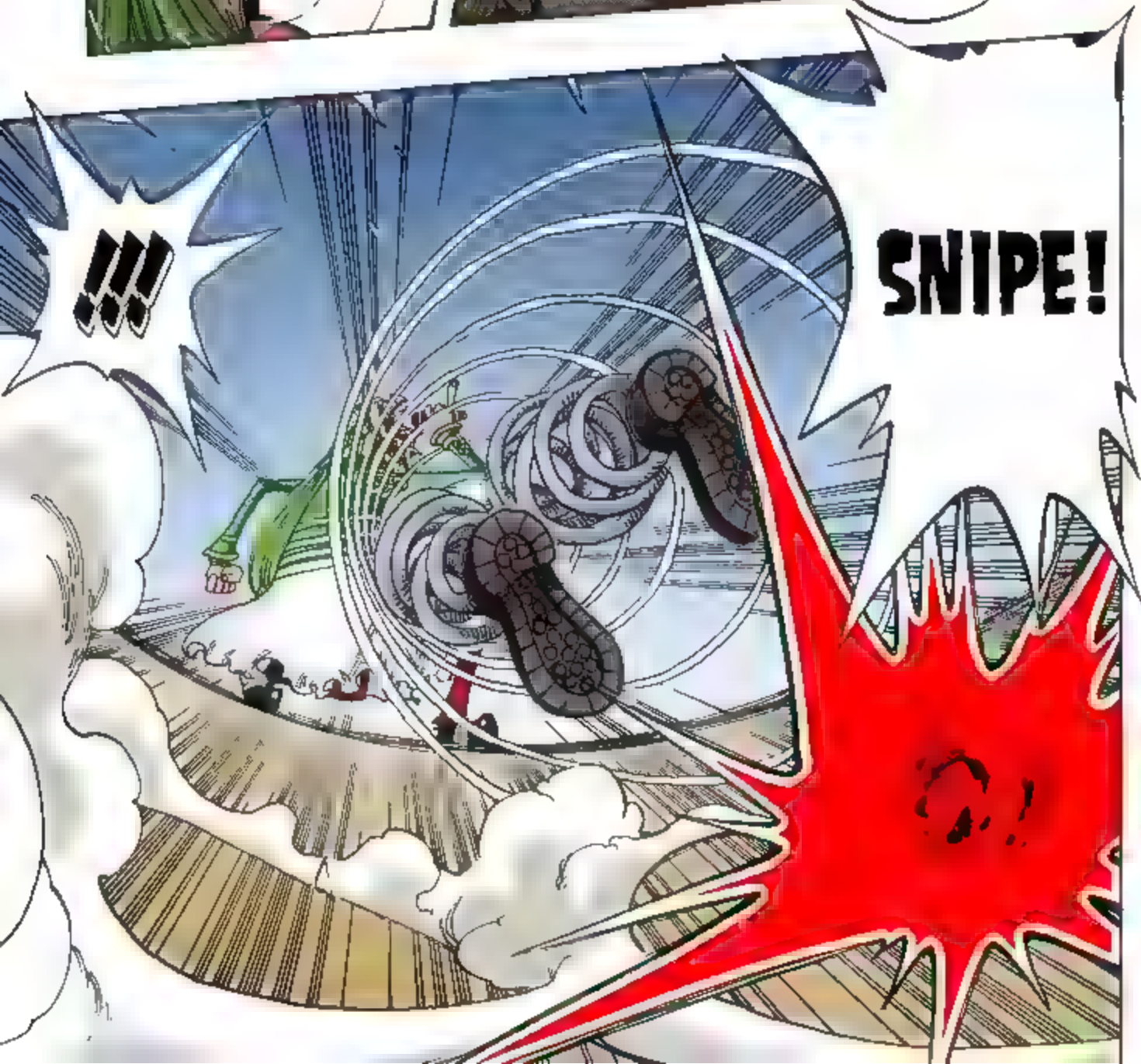
SHOUJOU,
WATCH
OUT!



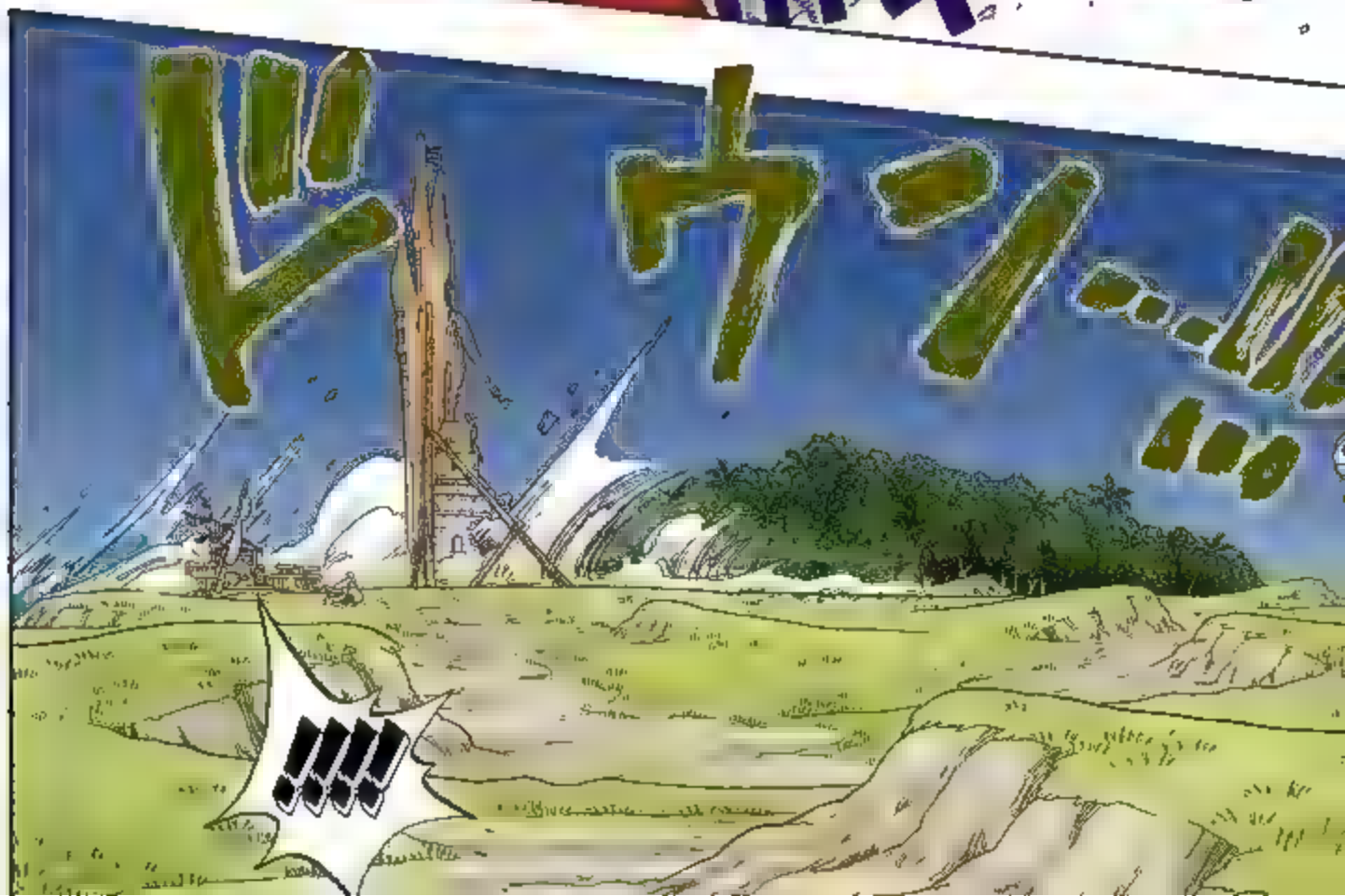
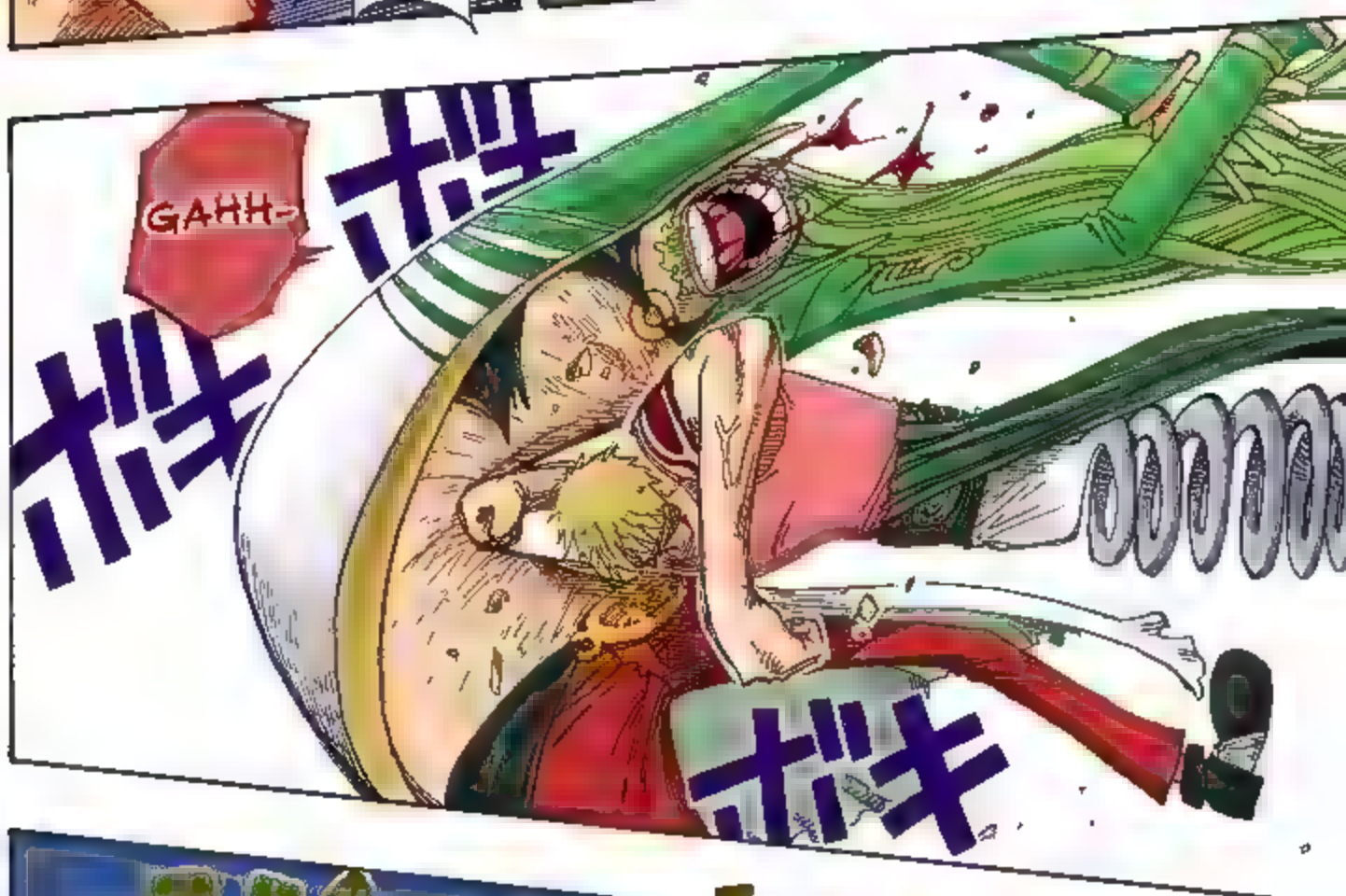
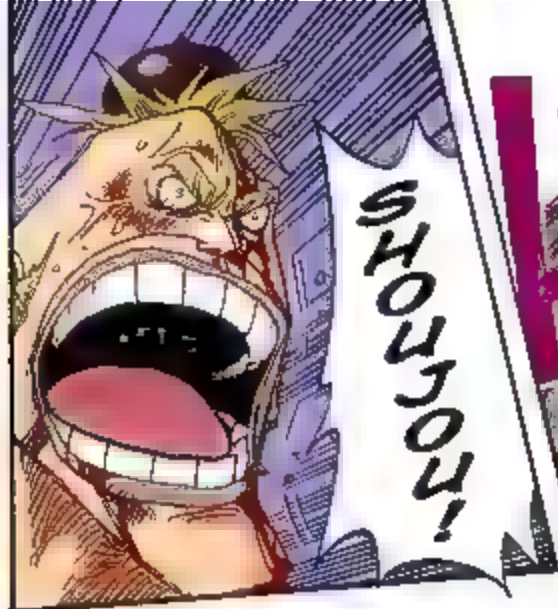
ICK

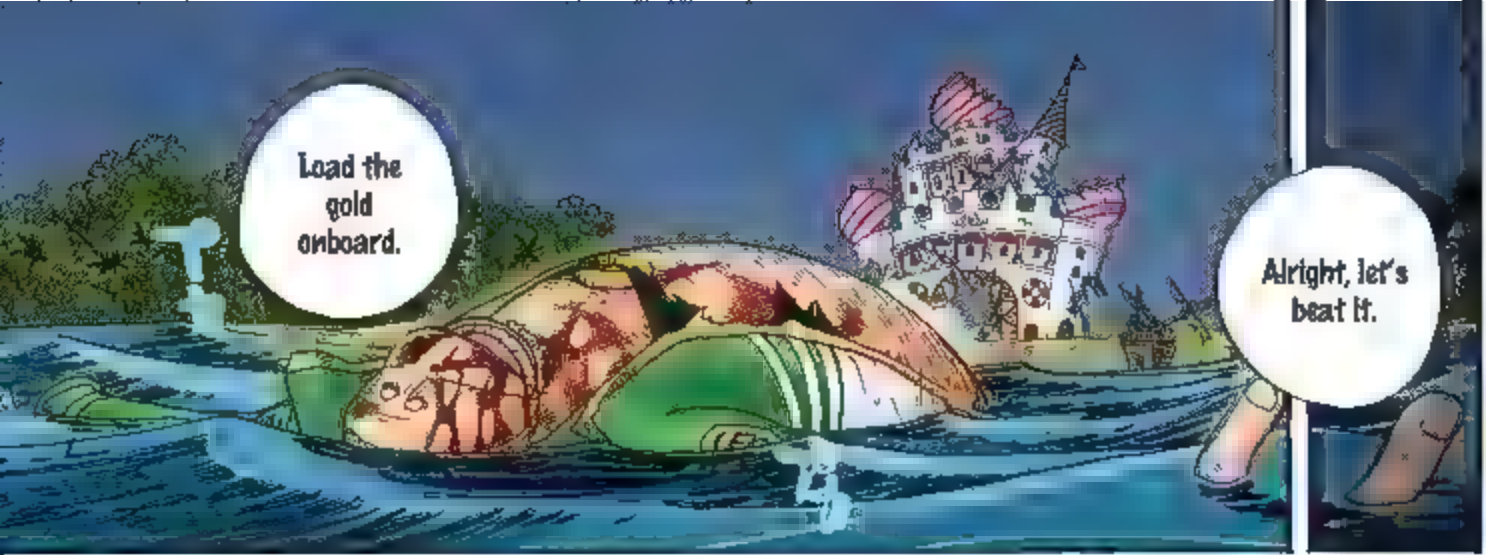
SPRING...

CP



SNIPES!



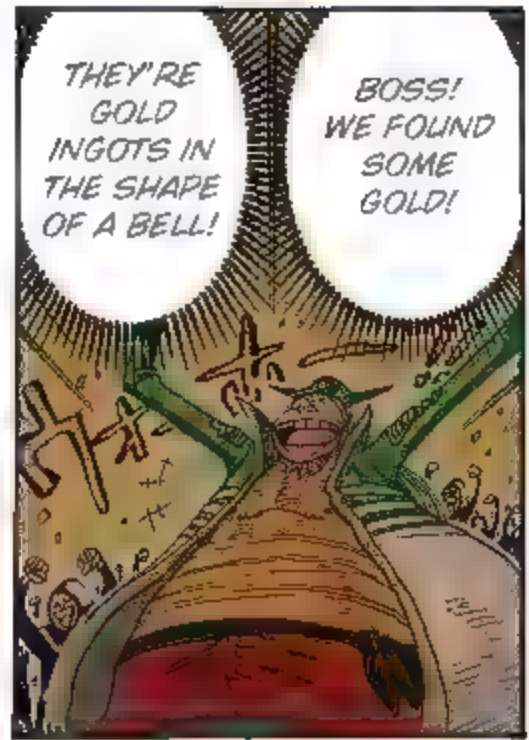


Load the
gold
onboard.

Alright, let's
beat it.



LOOK! THE LOGS
TALK ABOUT A
GOLDEN BELL TOO!



THEY'RE
GOLD
INGOTS IN
THE SHAPE
OF A BELL!

BOSS!
WE FOUND
SOME
GOLD!



THE CITY OF
GOLD MUST
EXIST! LKIKIKI!



THEN YOU BETTER
REALIZE THAT
ILLUSIVE DREAMS
LIKE THAT WILL
NEVER COME TRUE!

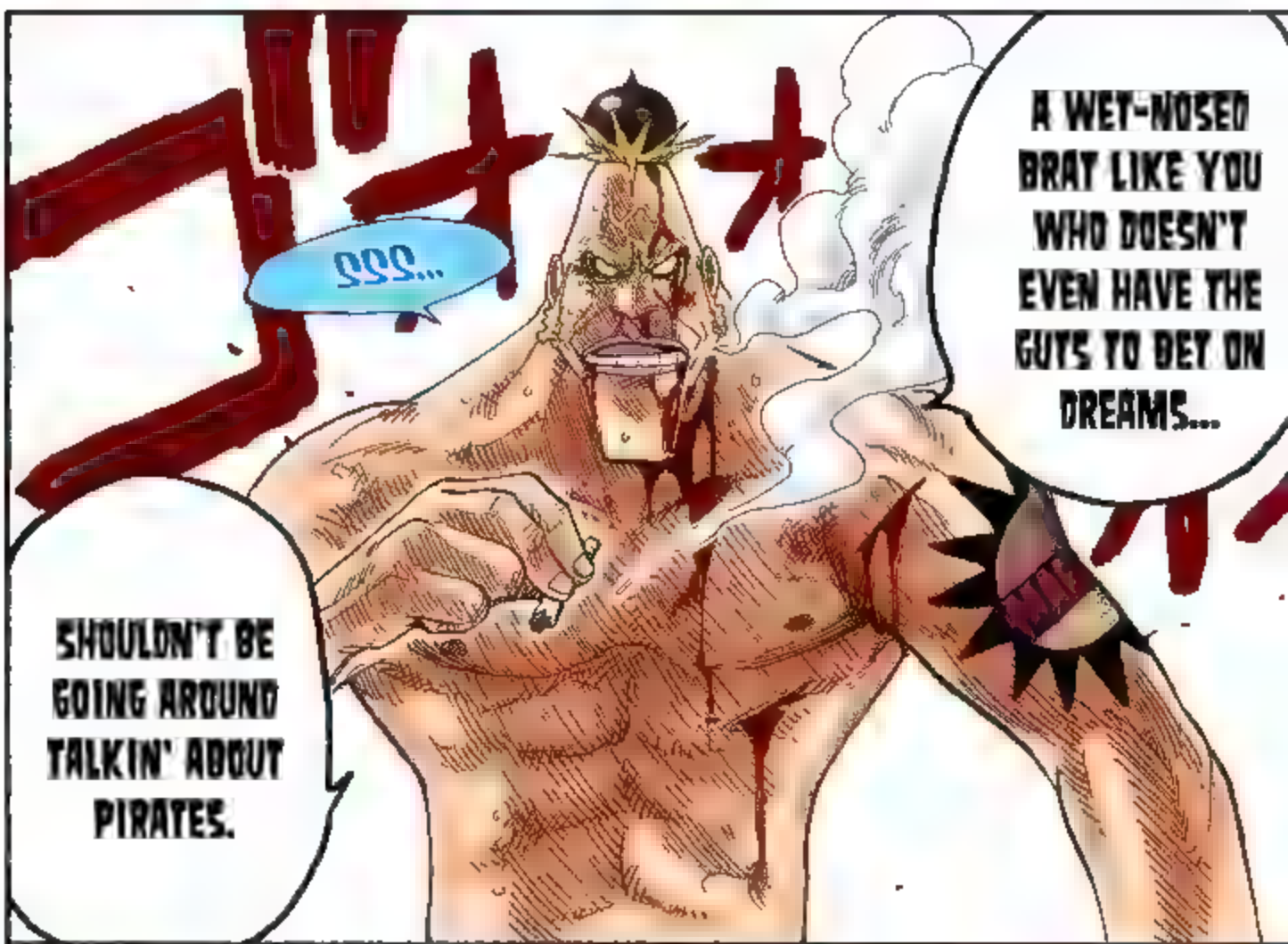
HAHA
HAHA!

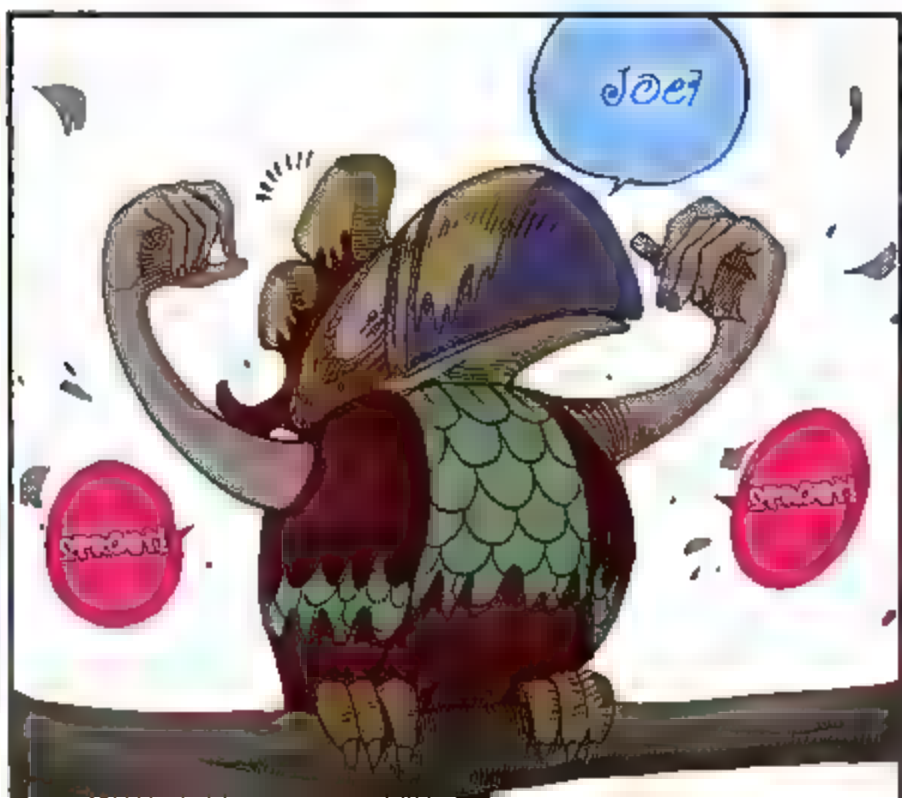
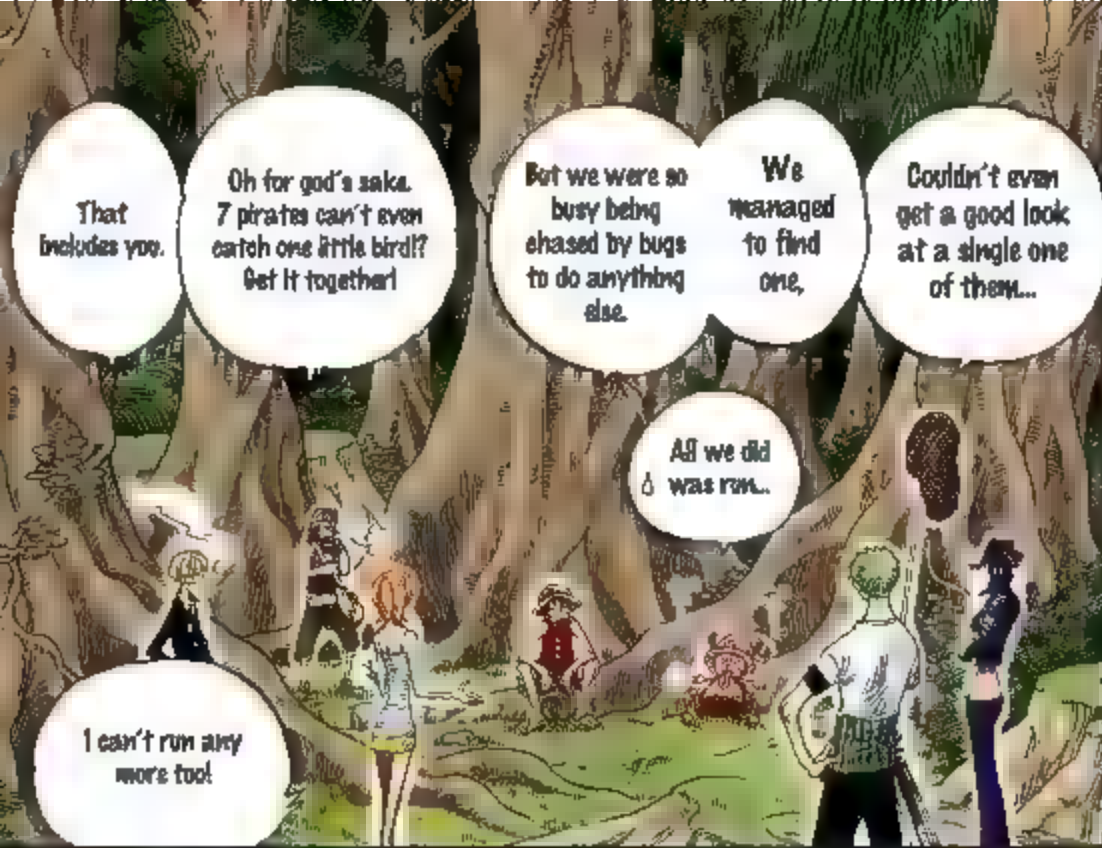


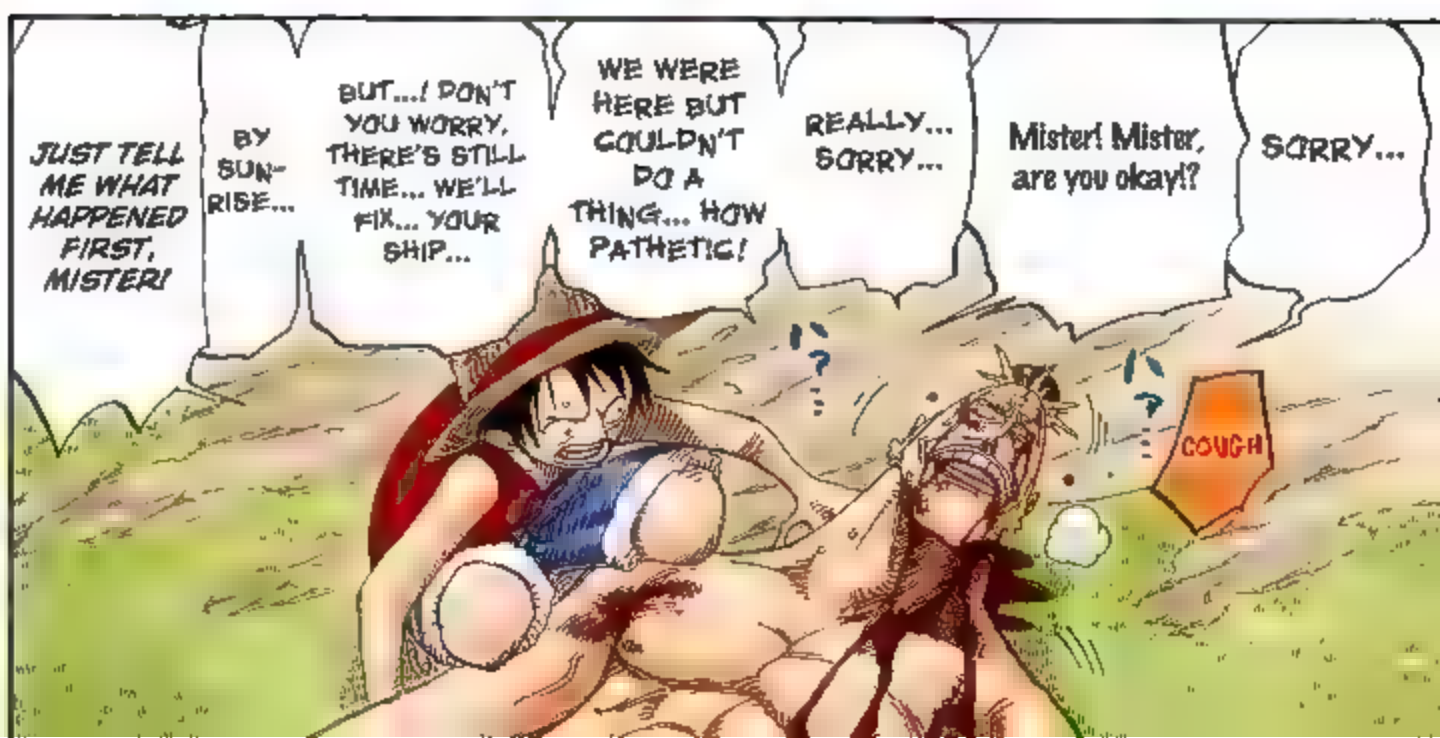
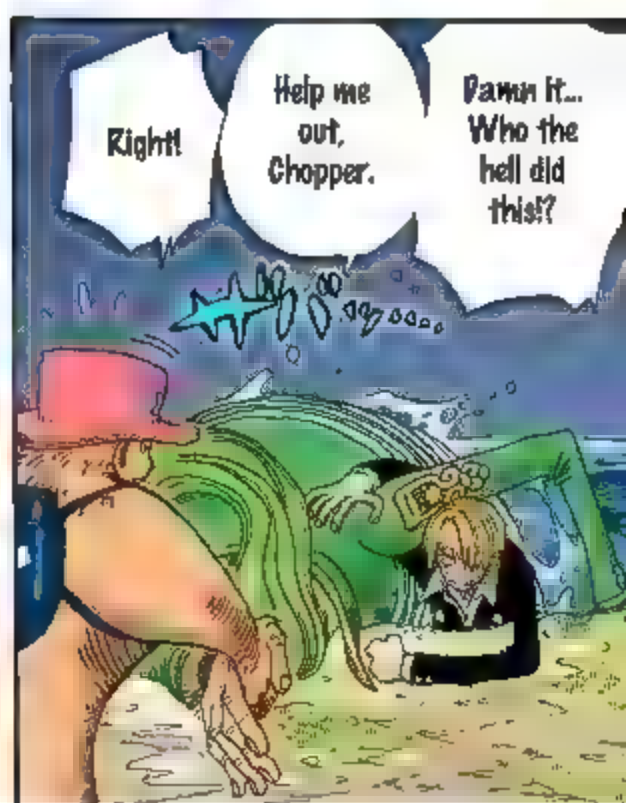
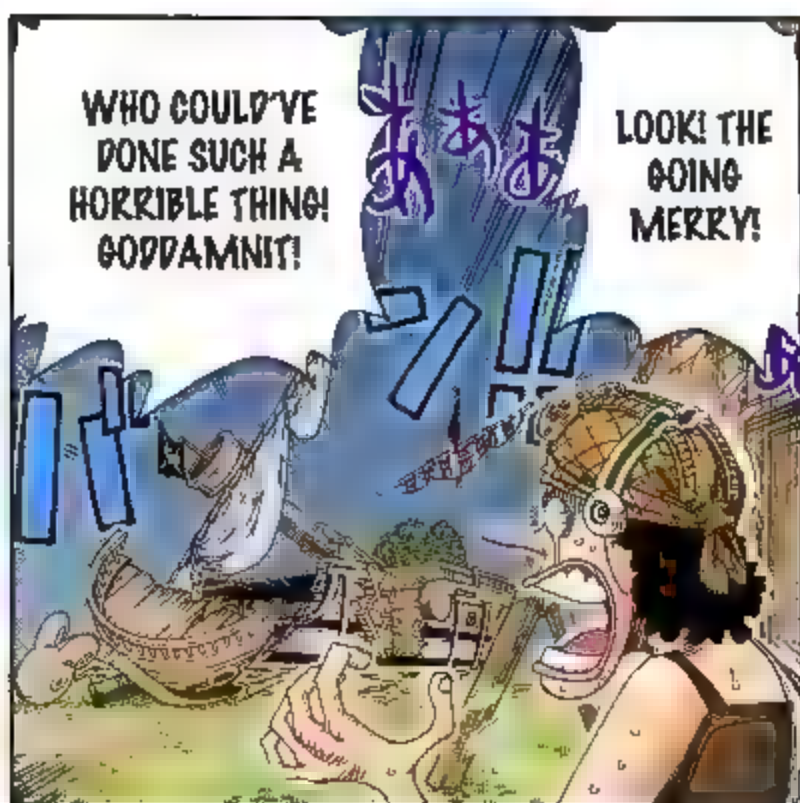
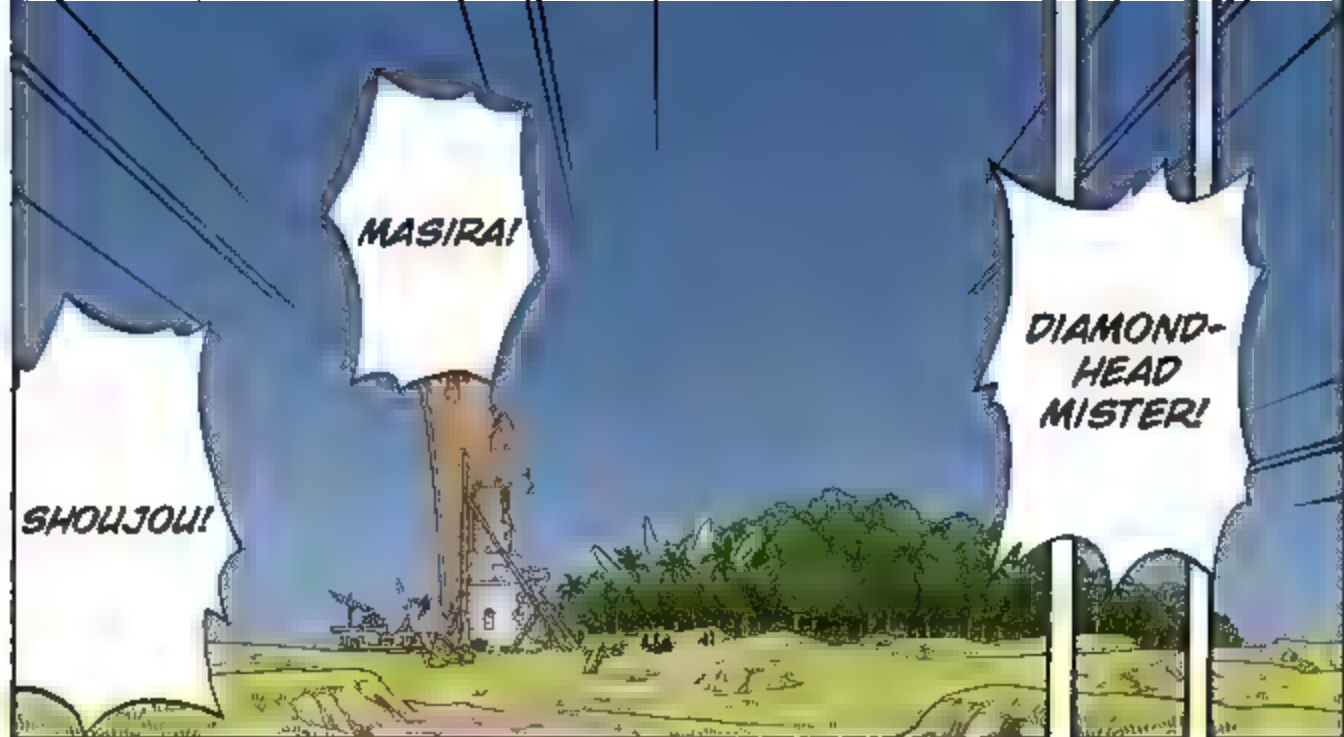
The city of gold
is just another
product of Noland's
overactive
imagination!

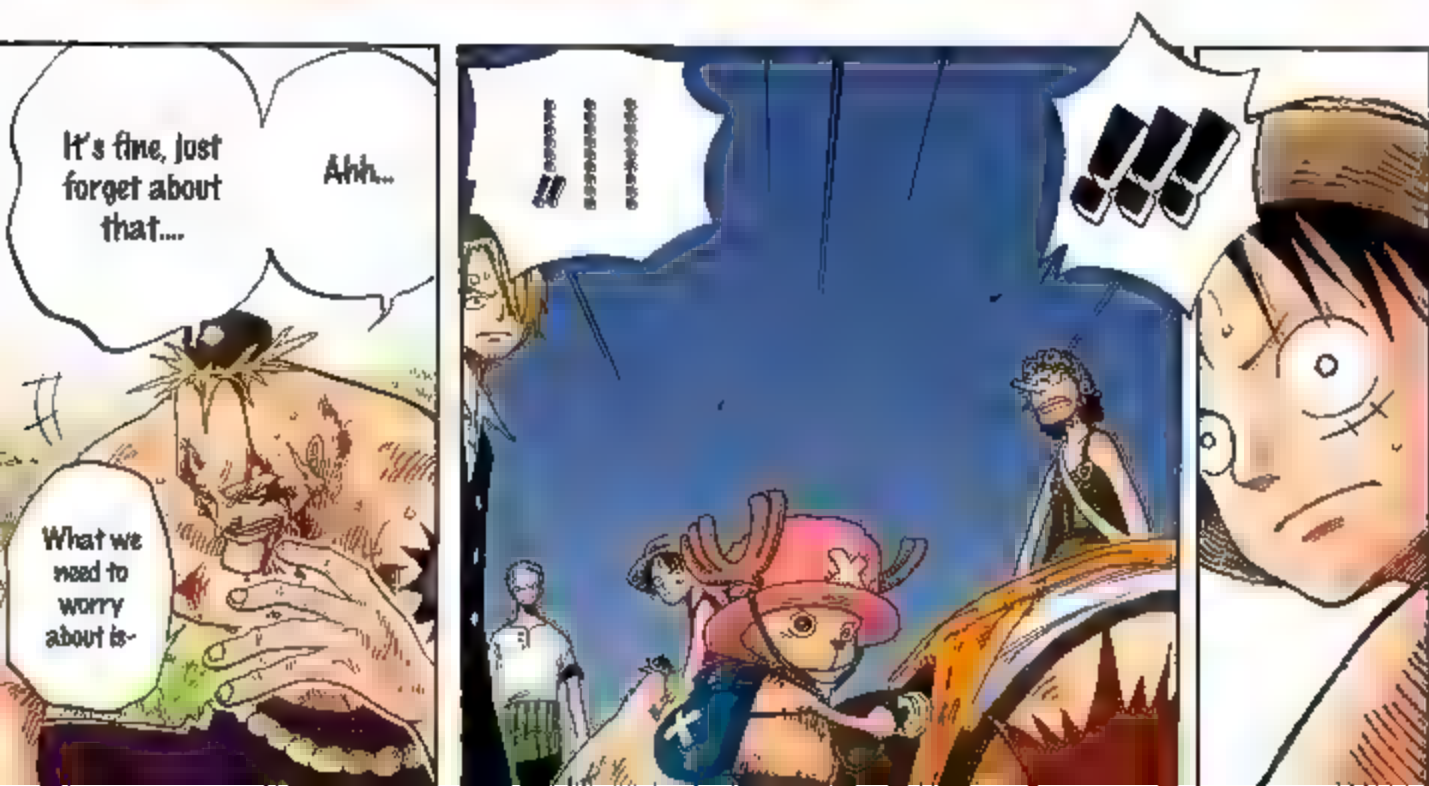
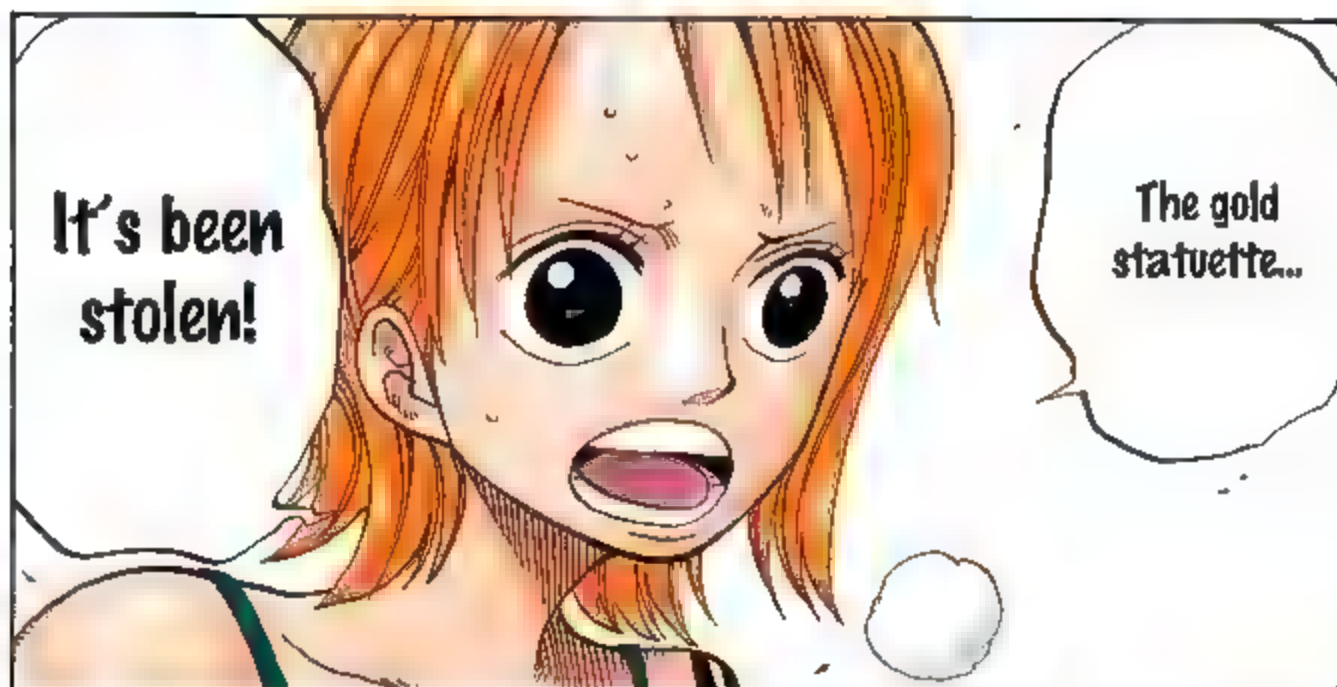
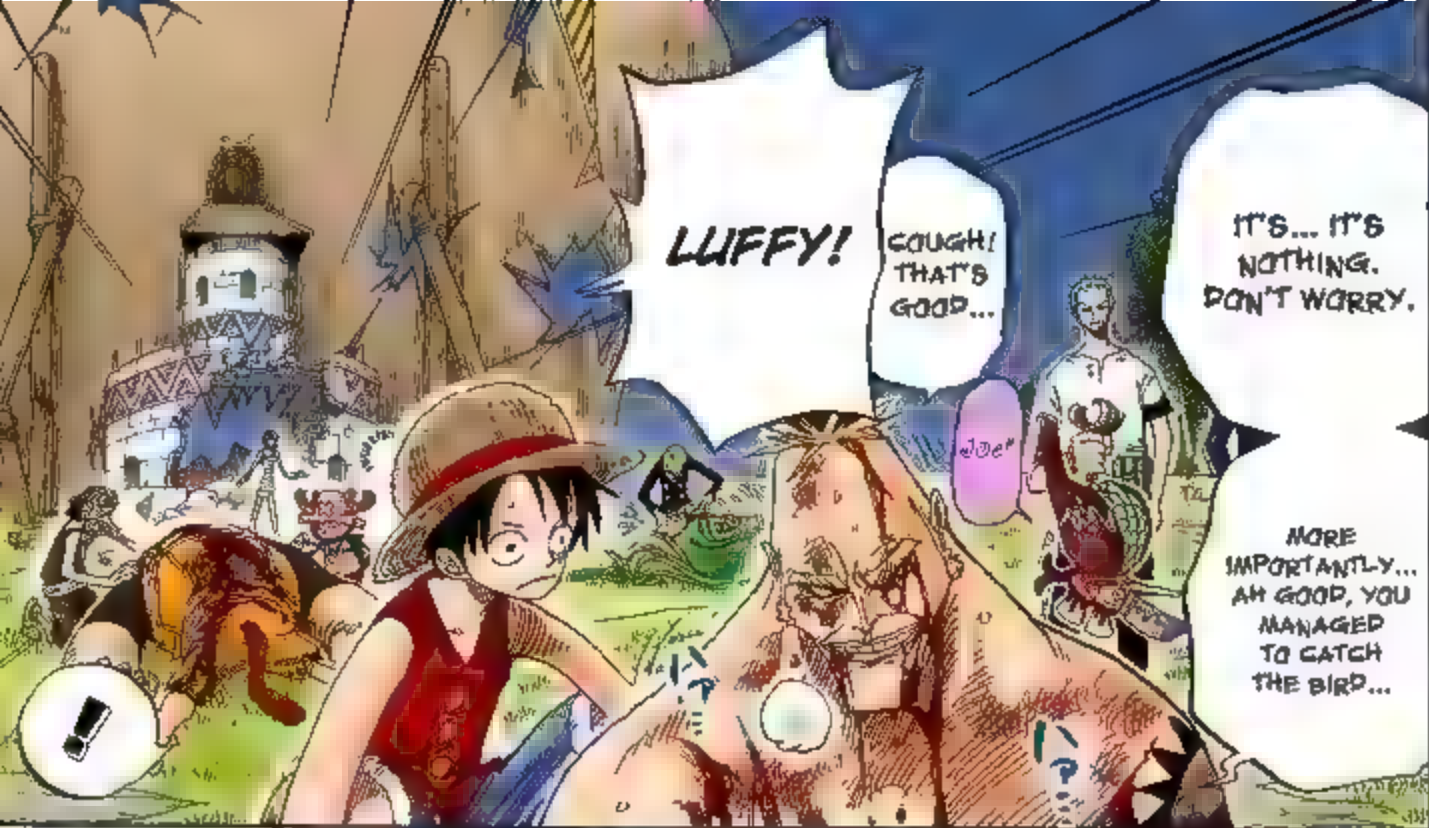
Grow up,
old man!

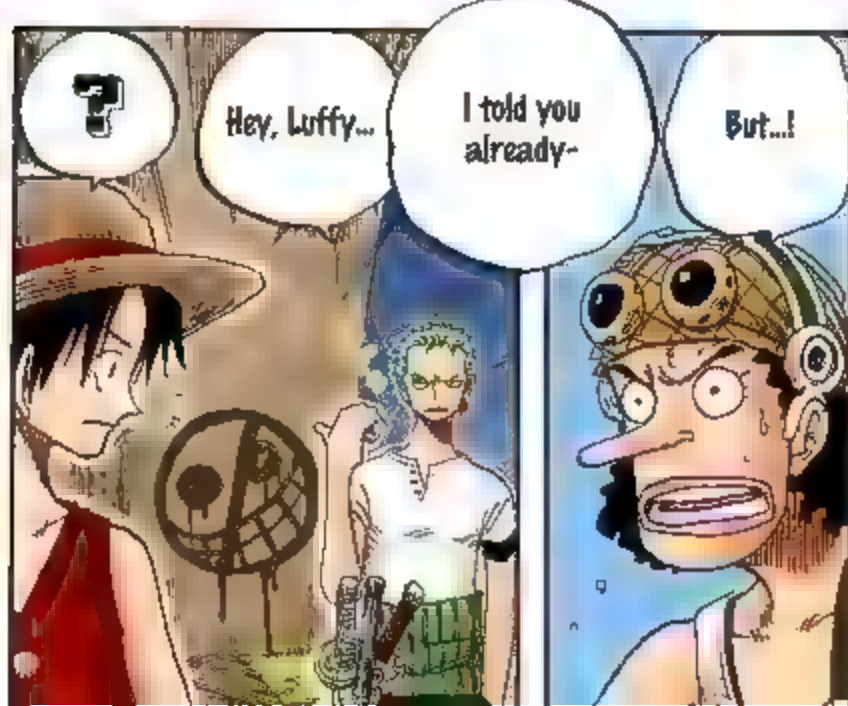
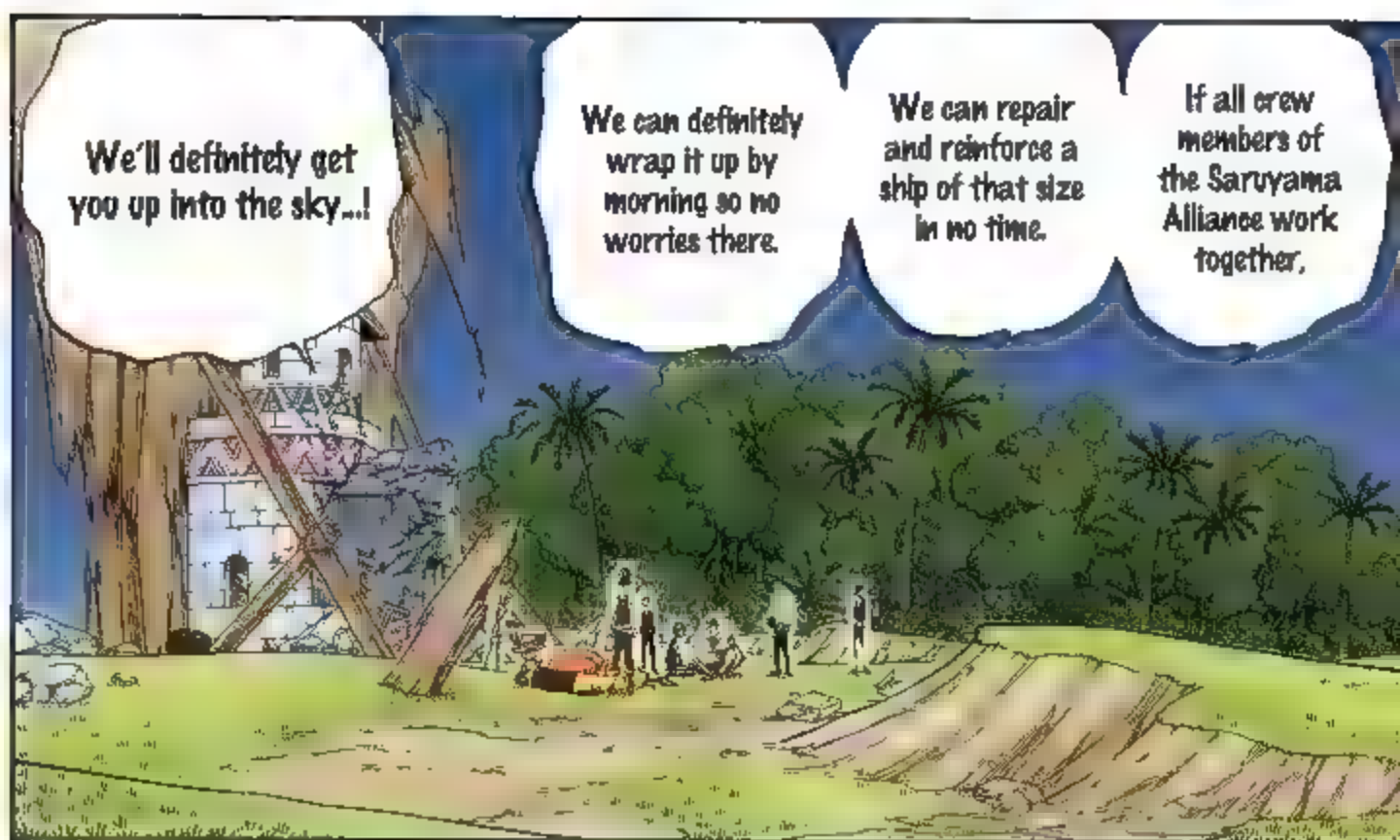
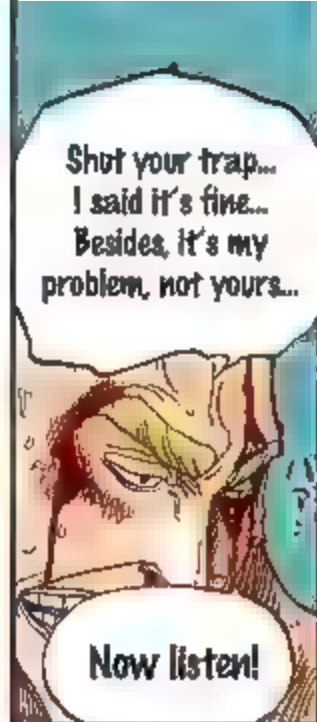
If you wanna be a
pirate that can
make it in the
coming new age,

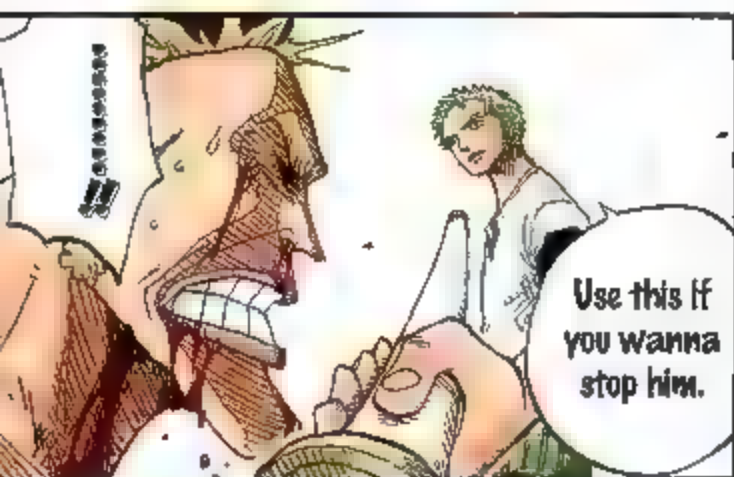
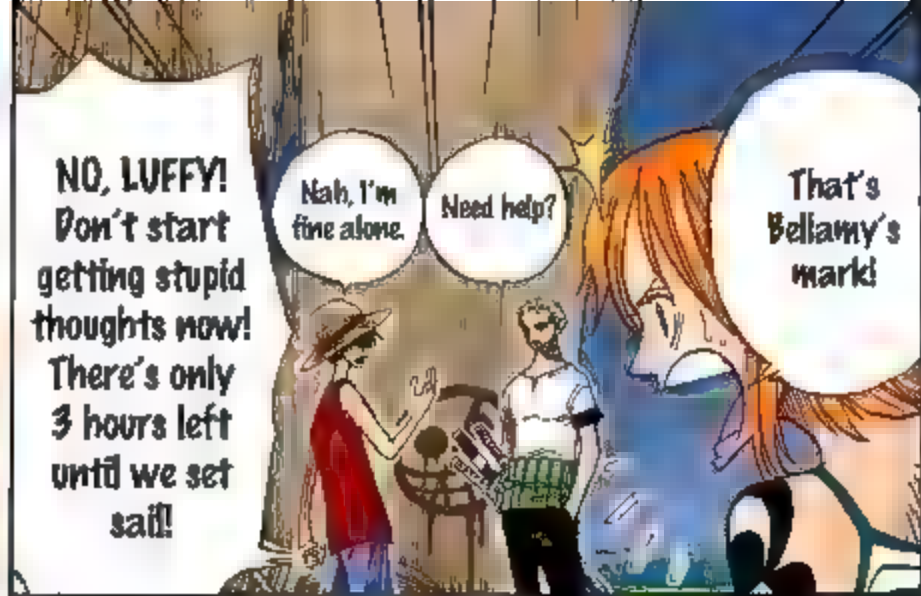








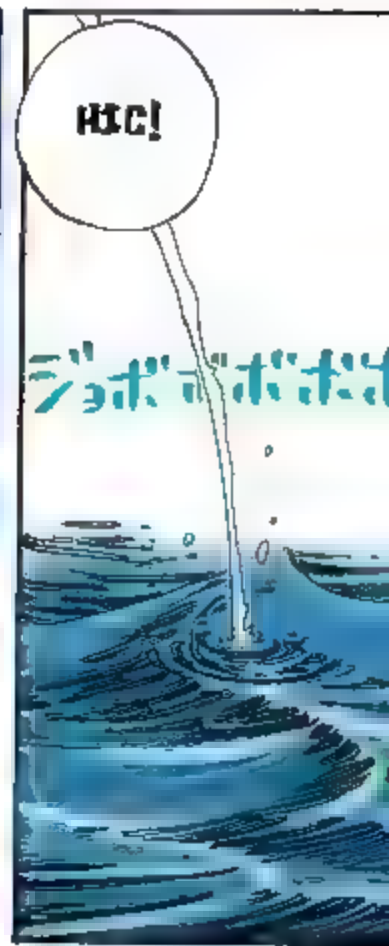
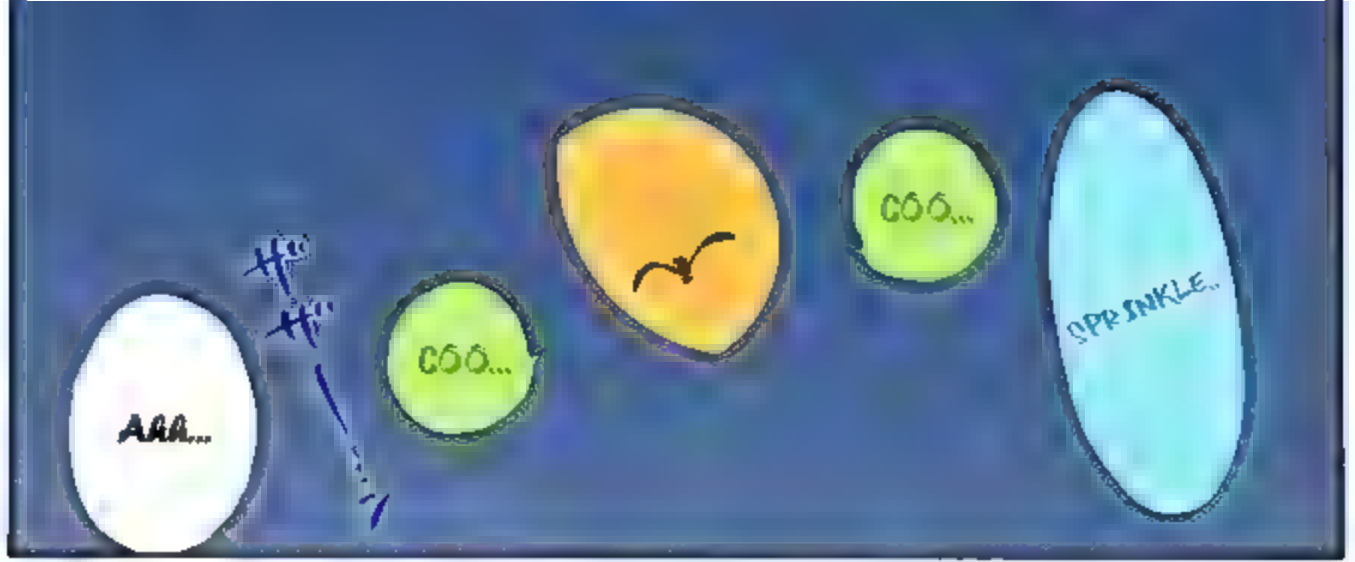


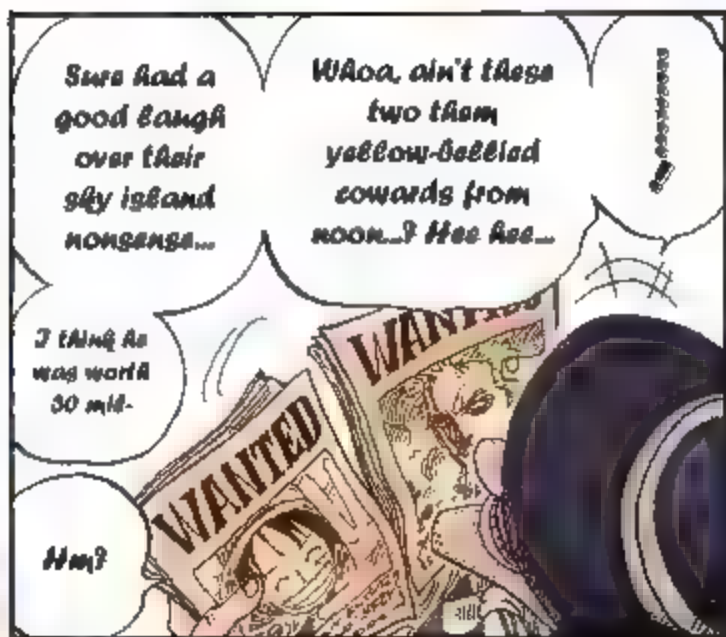
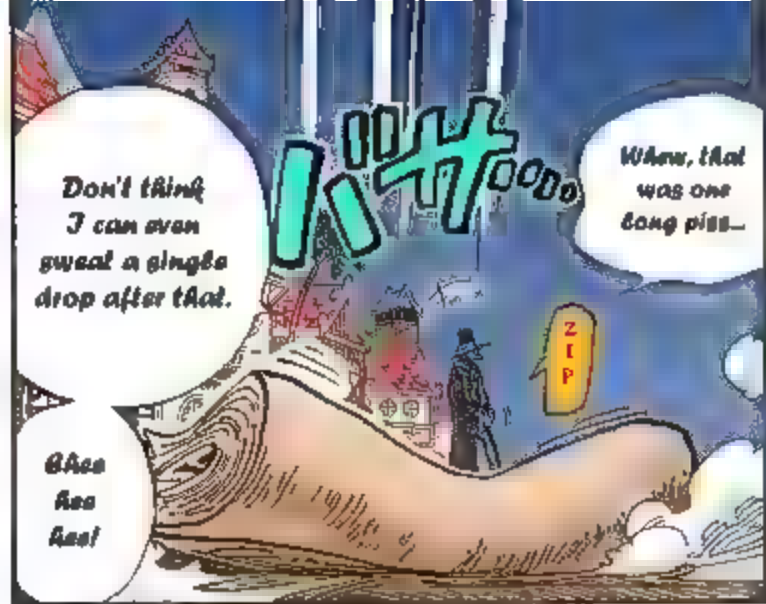


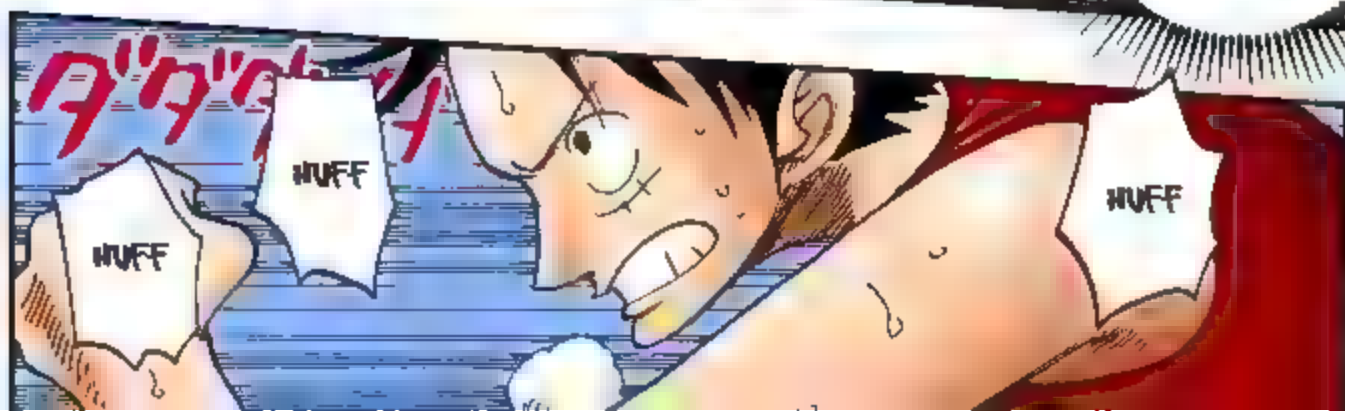
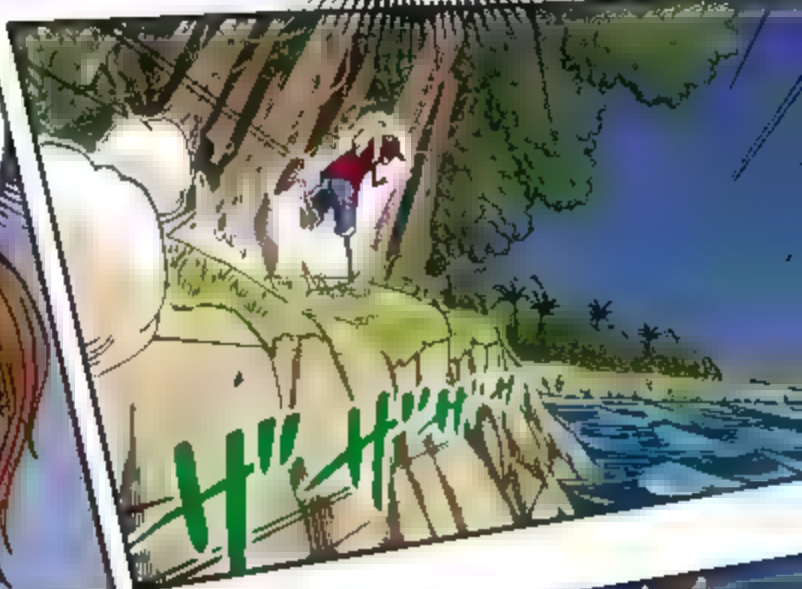
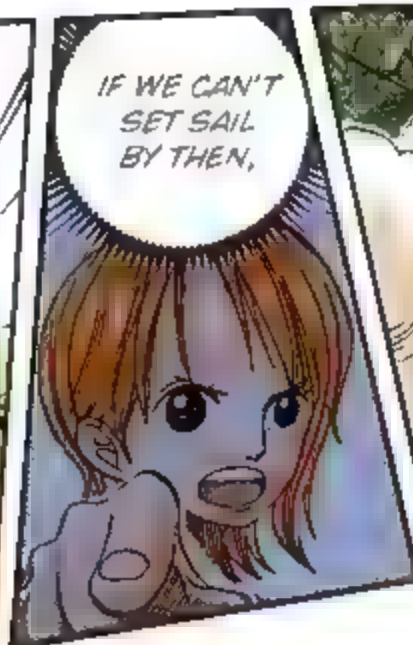
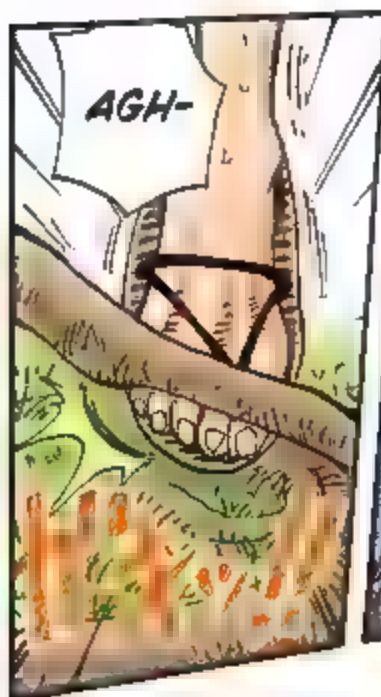
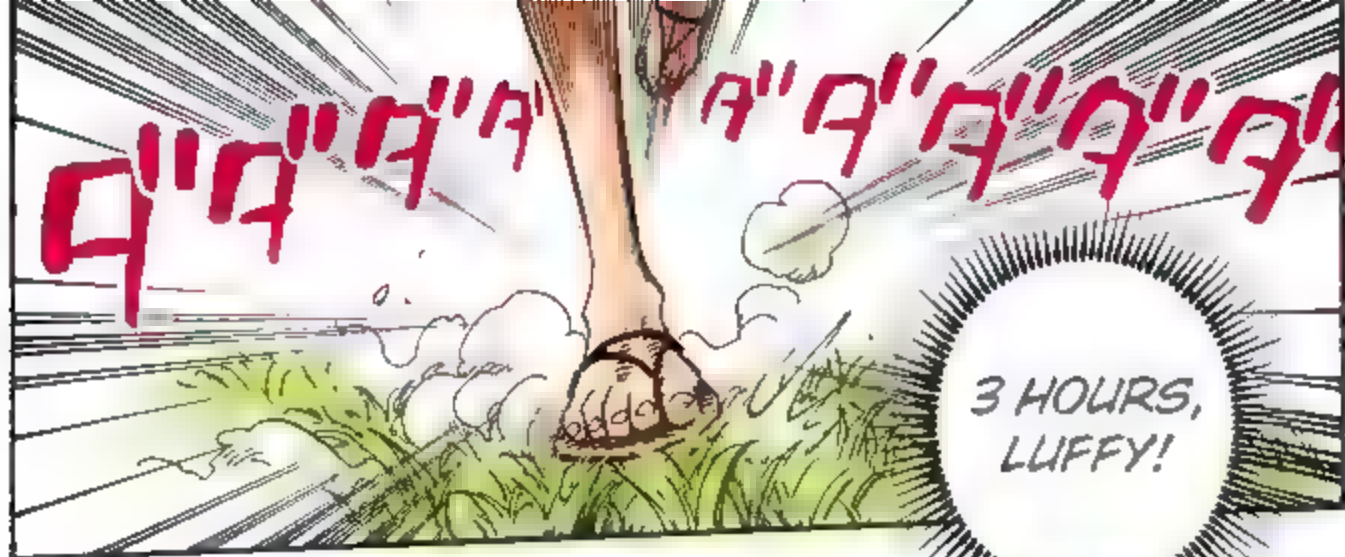
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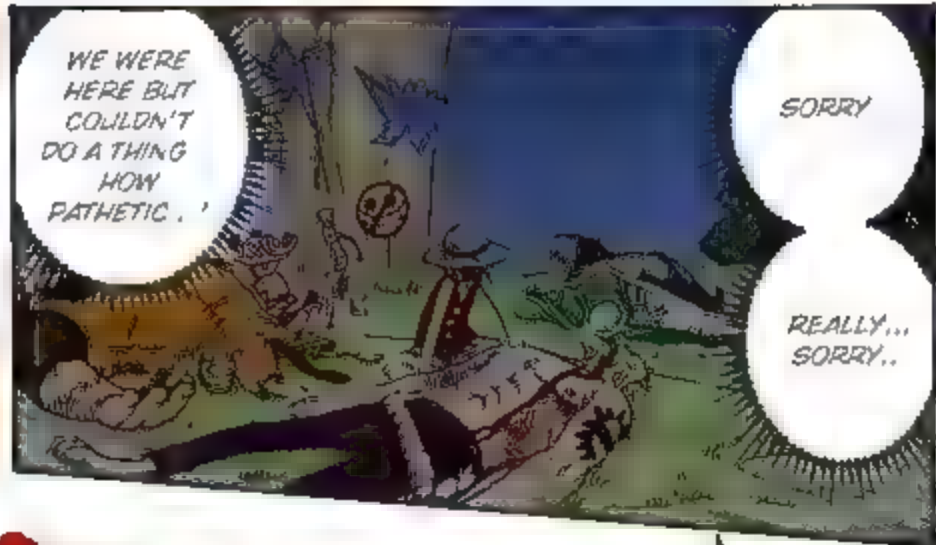
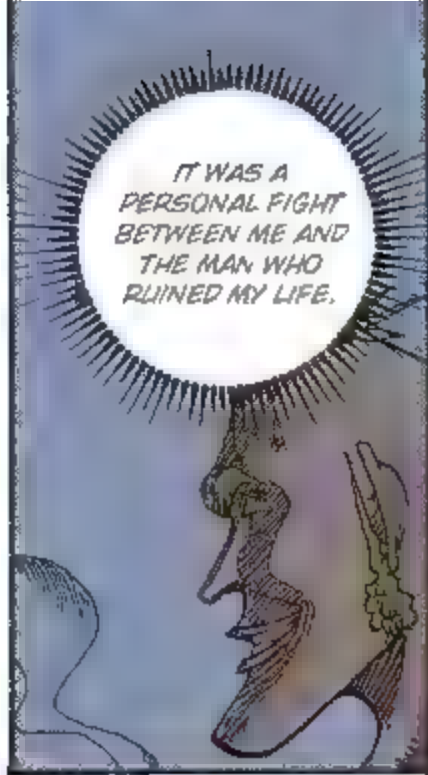
“The 100 Million Man”

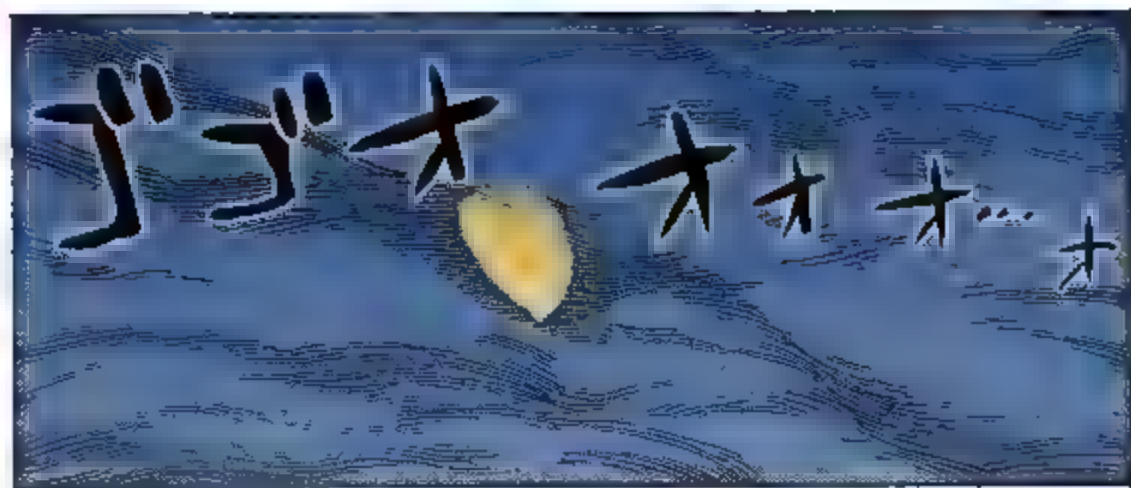
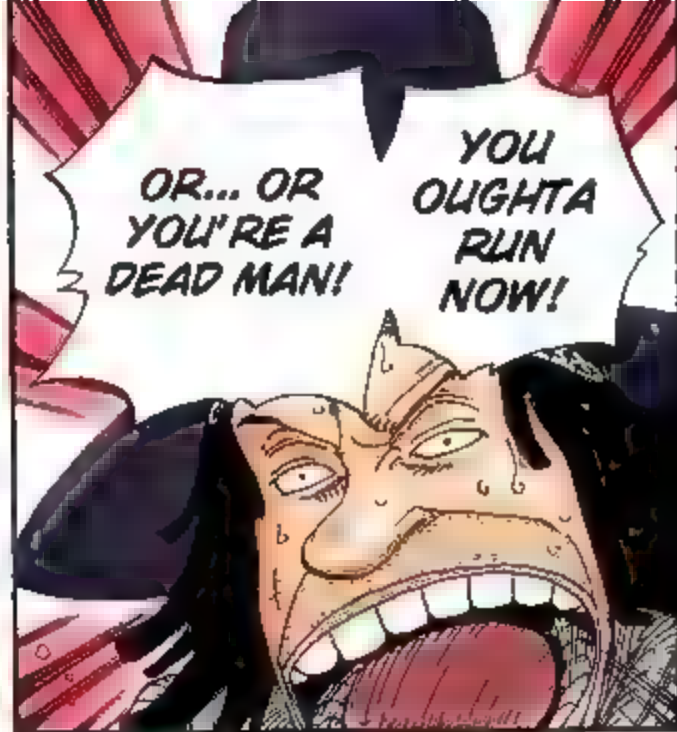


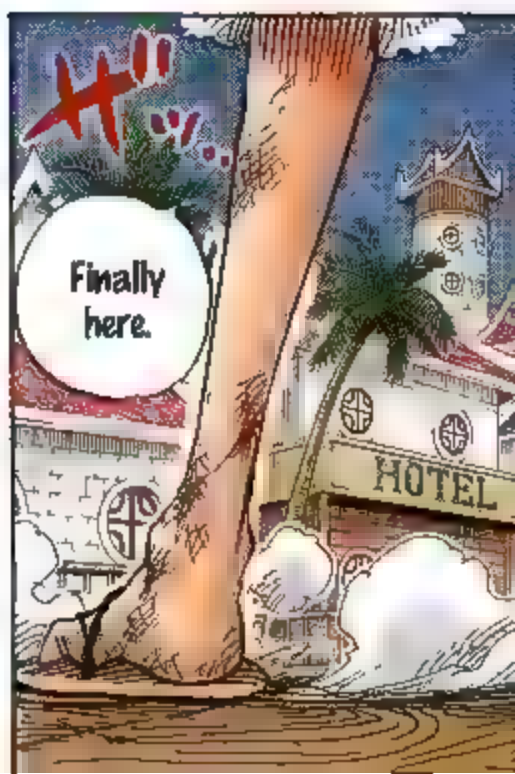
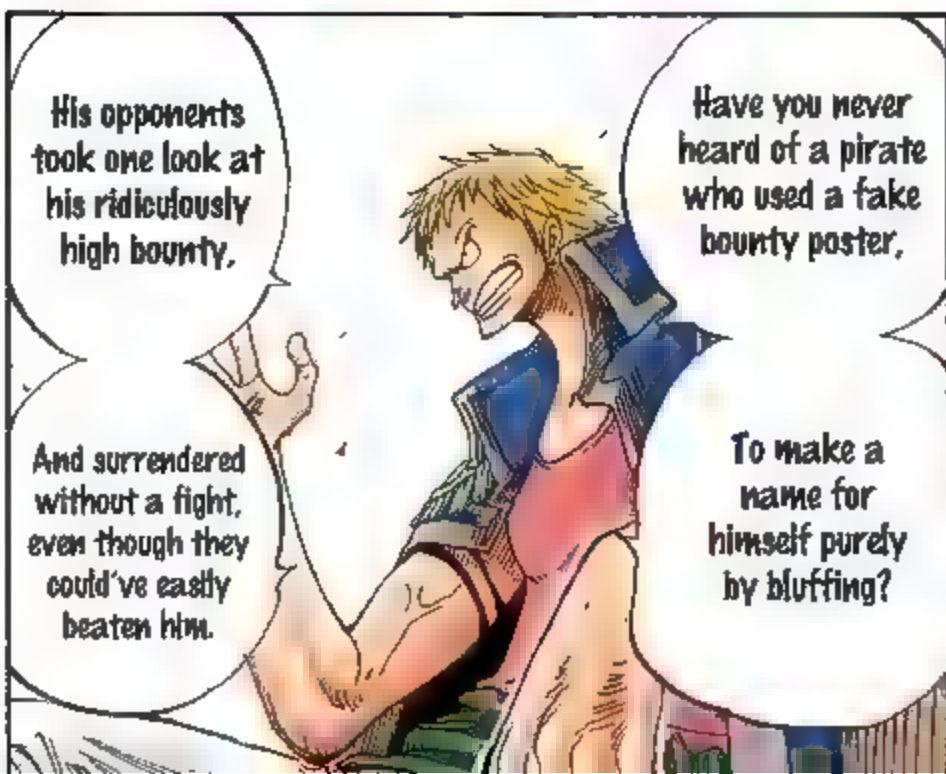
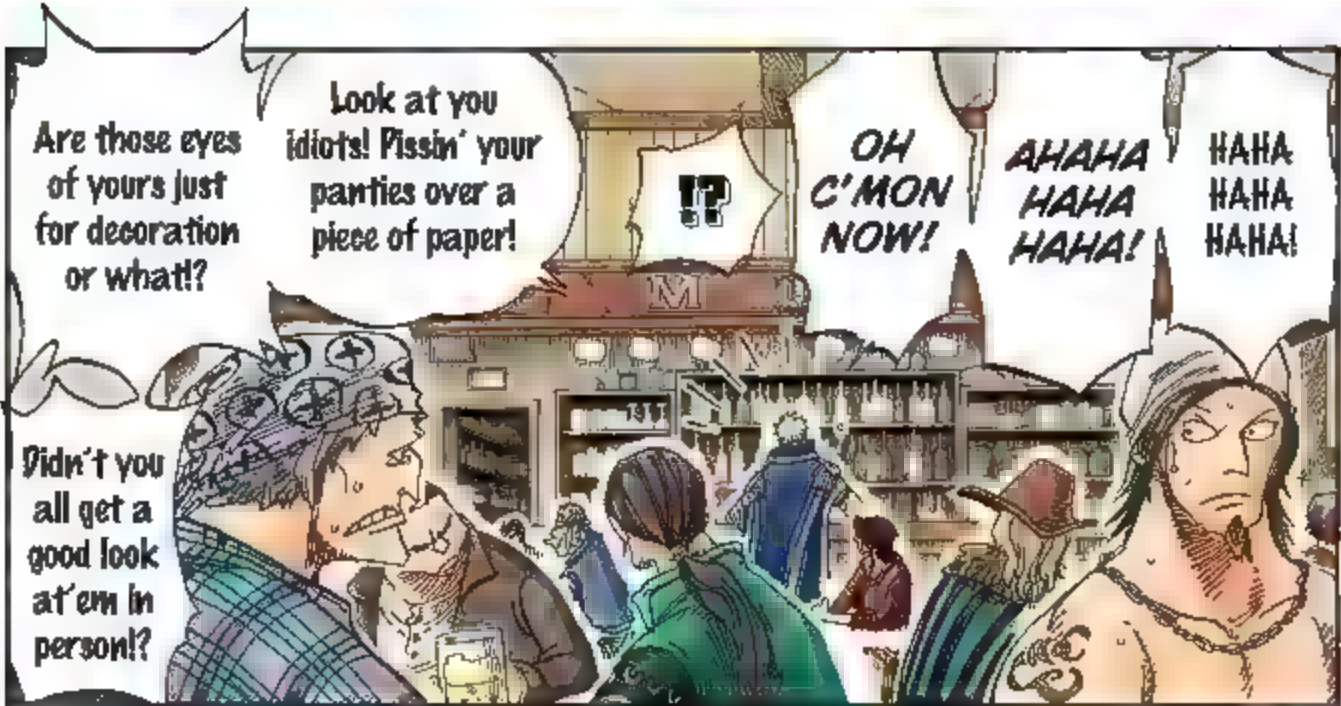
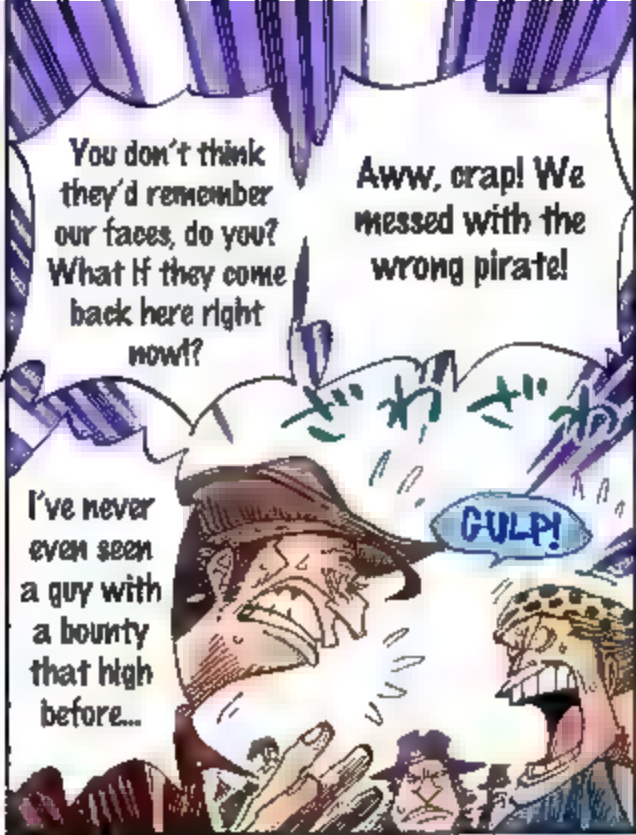


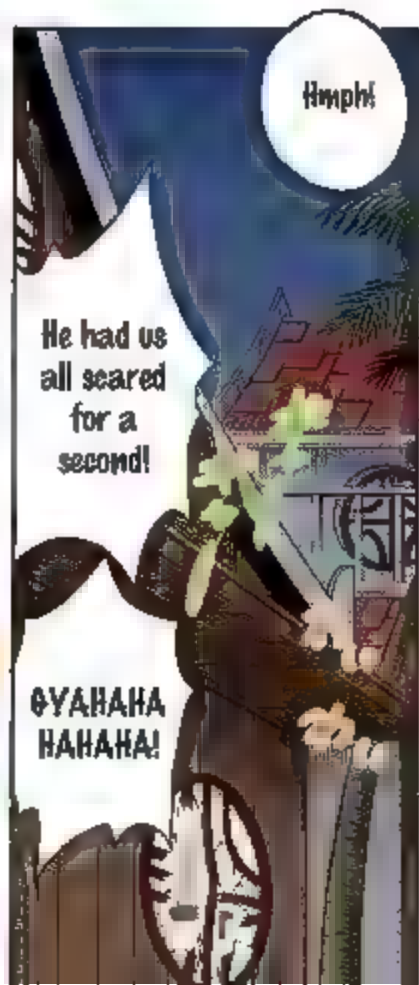
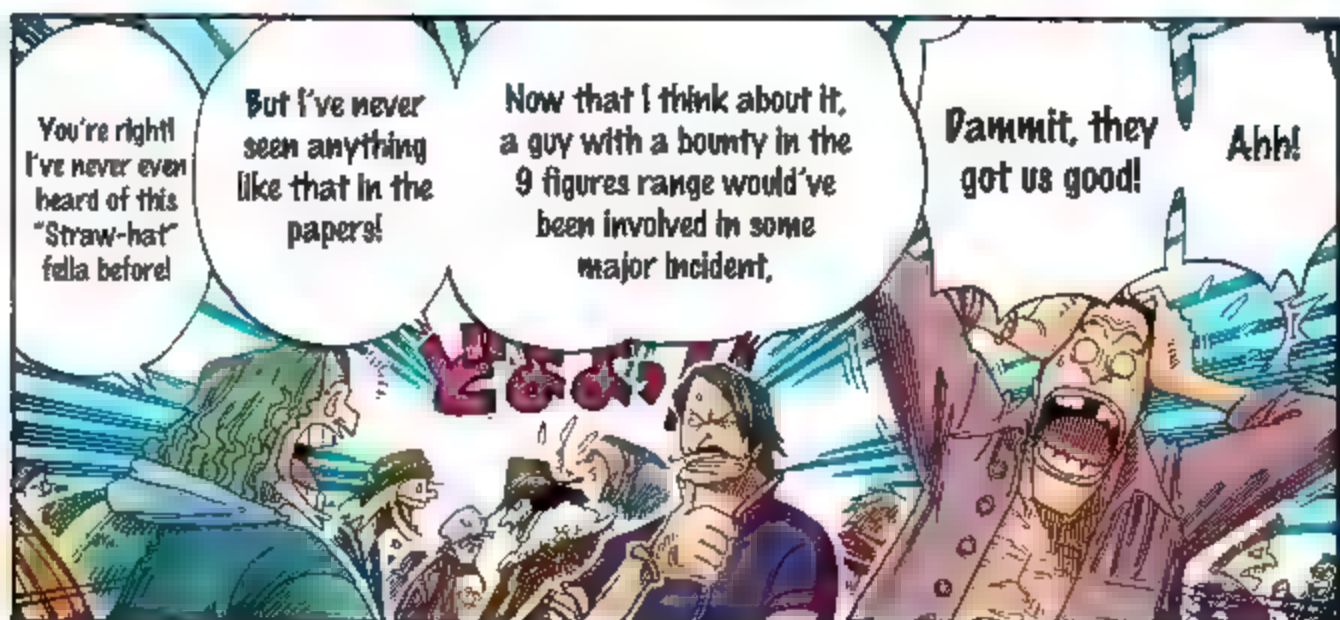
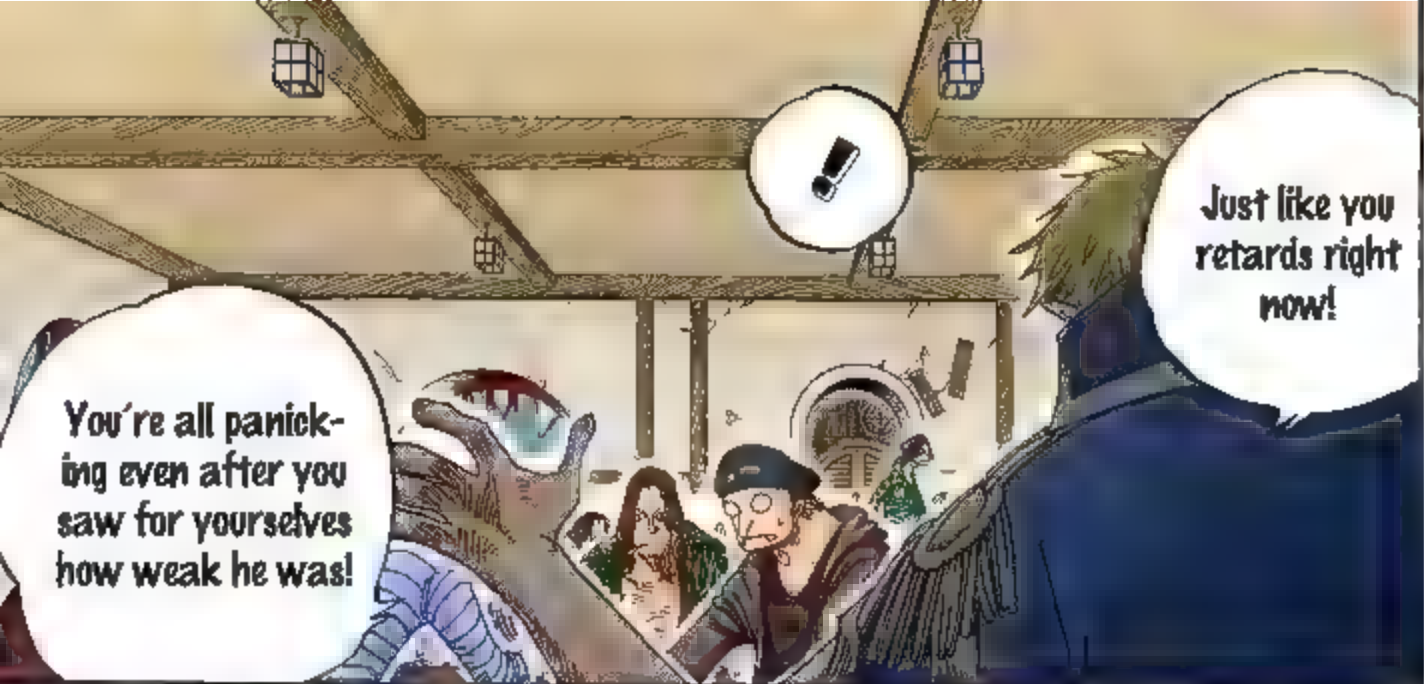


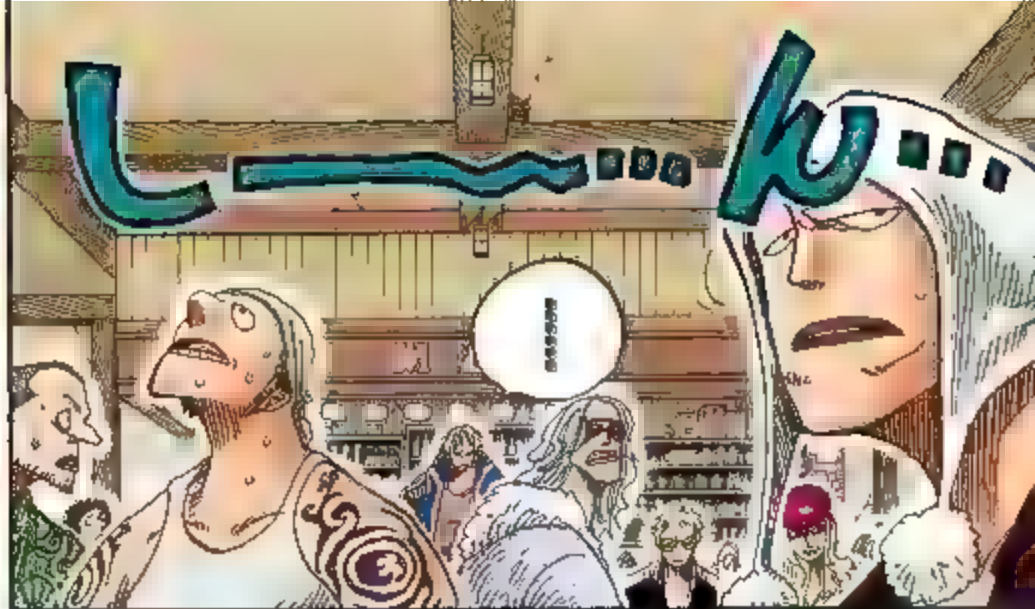


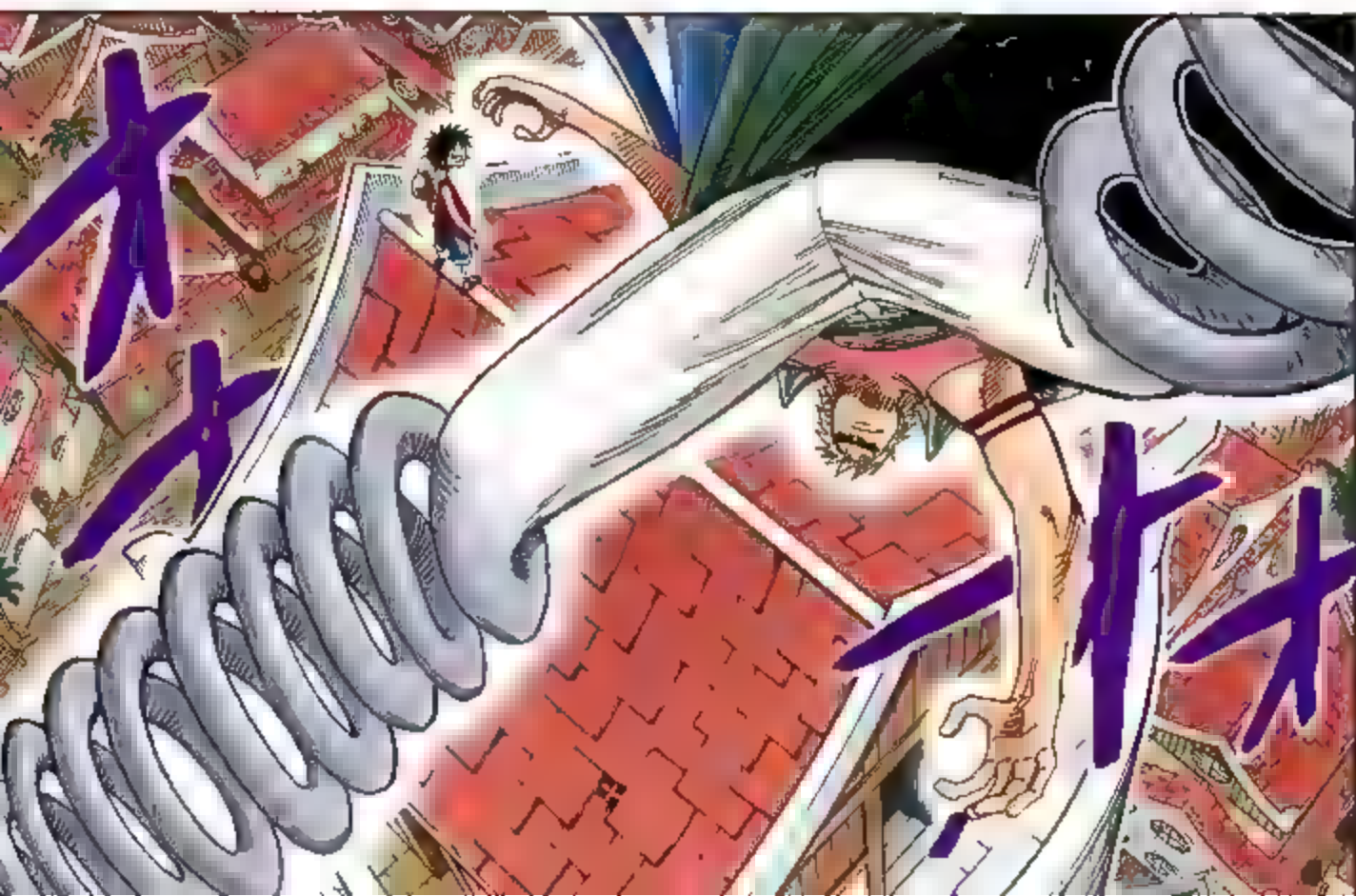
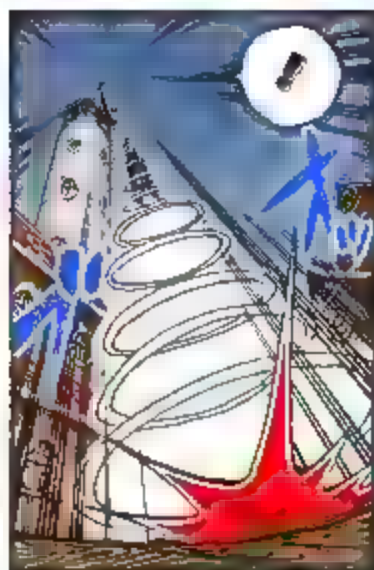
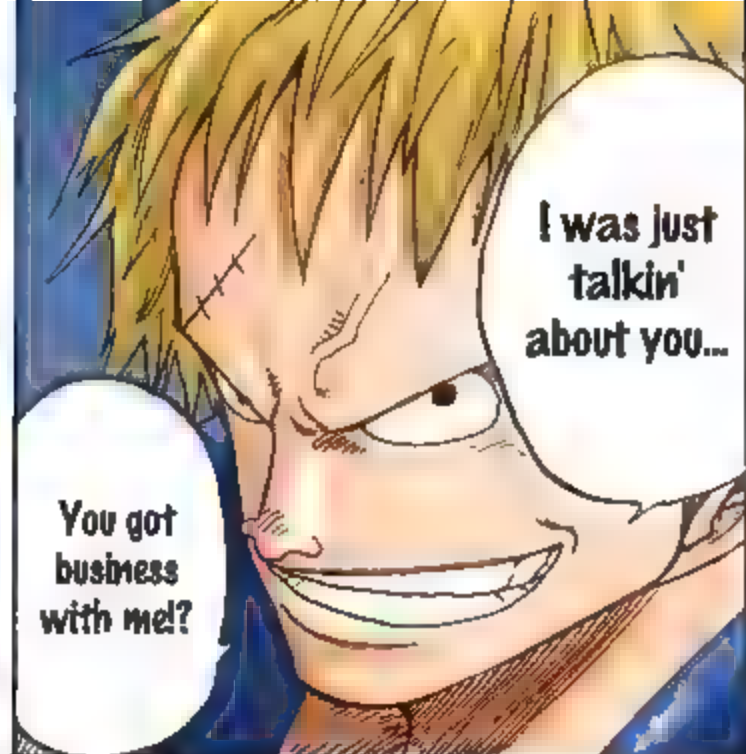






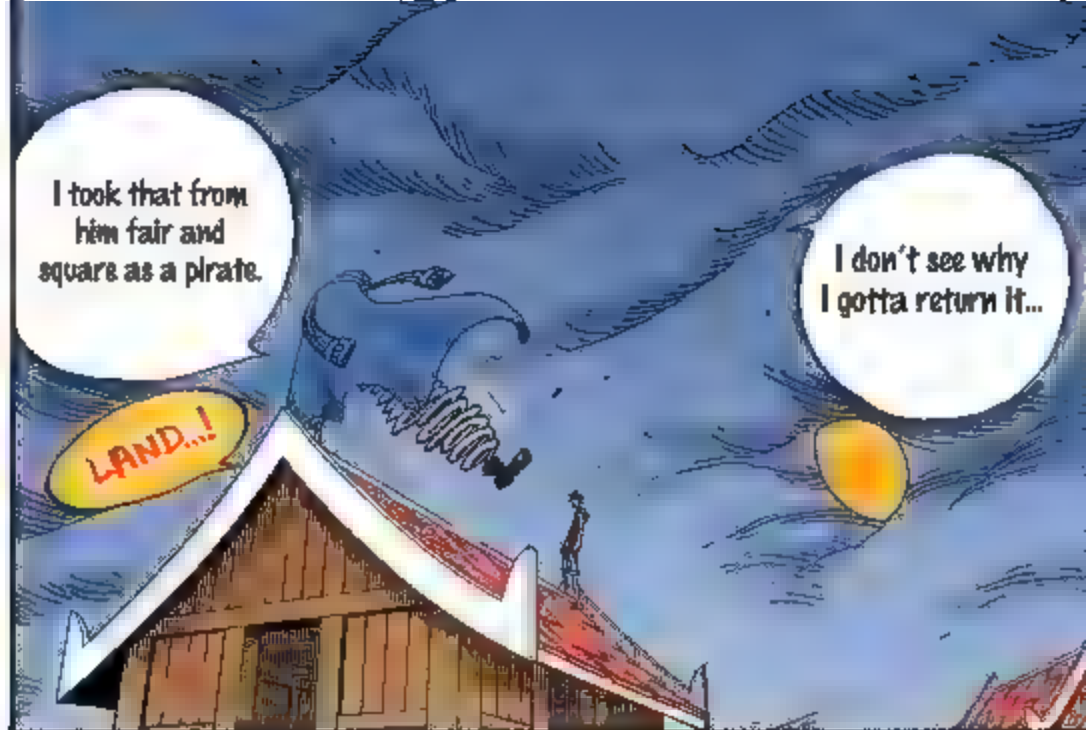








Since you're a pirate too, you shouldn't have any reason to butt in...



I took that from him fair and square as a pirate.

LAND...!

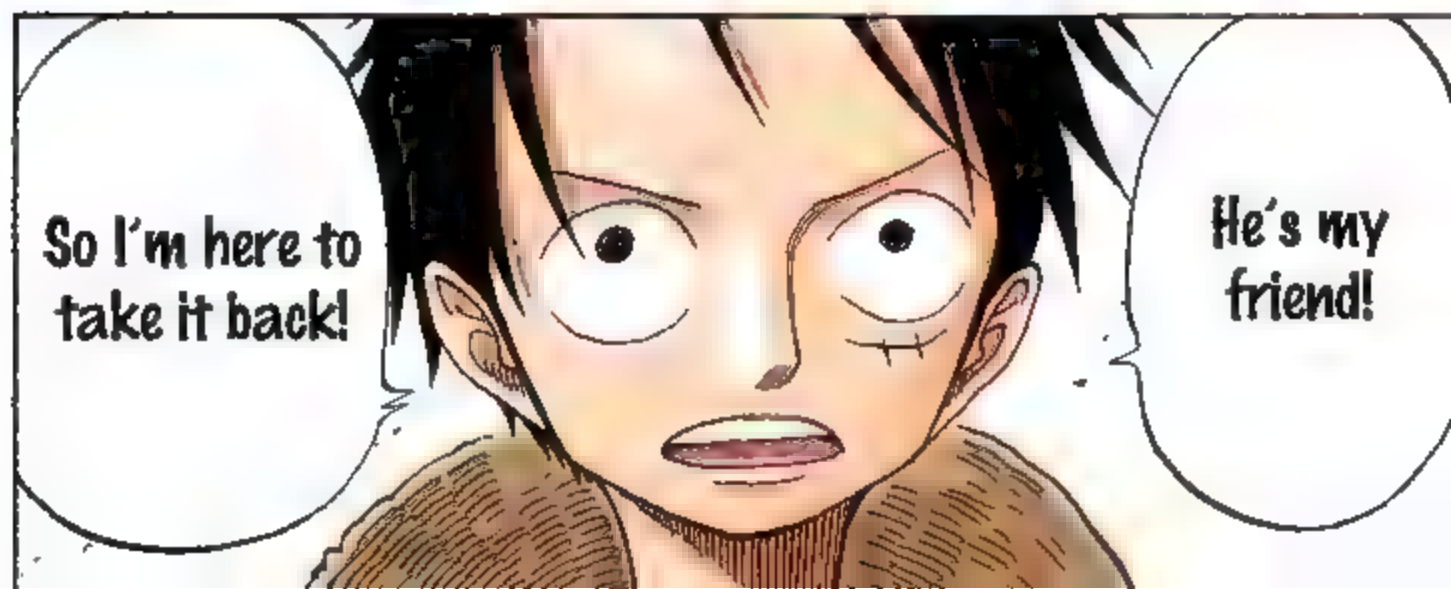
I don't see why I gotta return it...



!?

バサ..

I do.



So I'm here to take it back!

He's my friend!

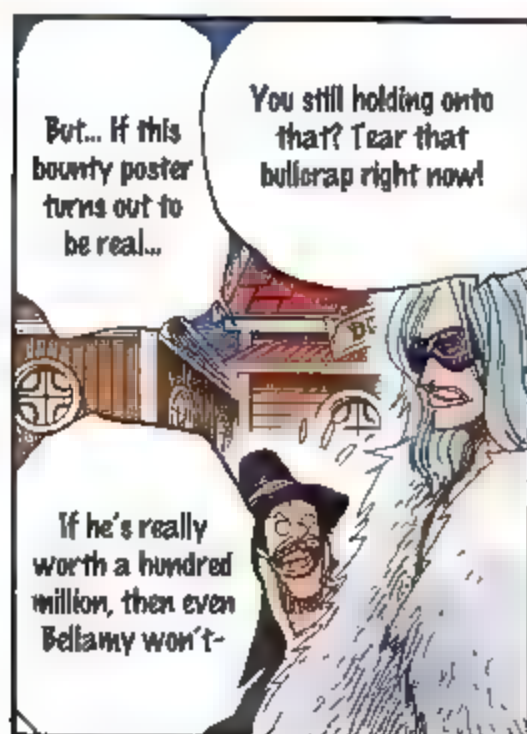


Just what
can a pansy
like you do!?

Know how
to throw a
punch?
Hahaha!

Let me ask
you...
Do you even
know how
to fight!?

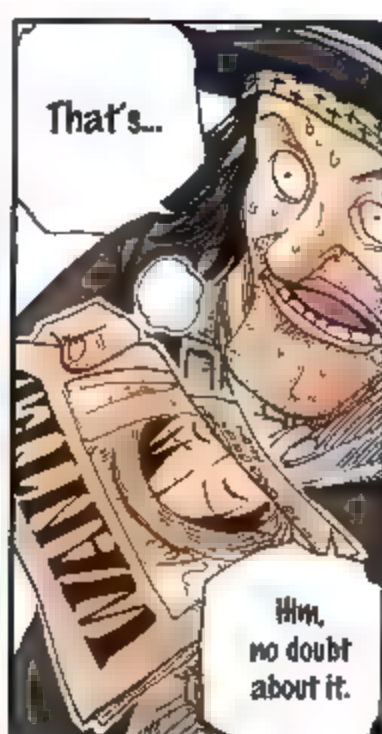
HAHAHA
HAHAHA!



But... If this
bounty poster
turns out to
be real...

You still holding onto
that? Tear that
bullcrap right now!

If he's really
worth a hundred
million, then even
Bellamy won't-



That's...

Hm,
no doubt
about it.



IF YOU KEEP
STANDIN'
AROUND
PISSING YOUR
PANTS LIKE
YOU DID
DURING THE
DAY!

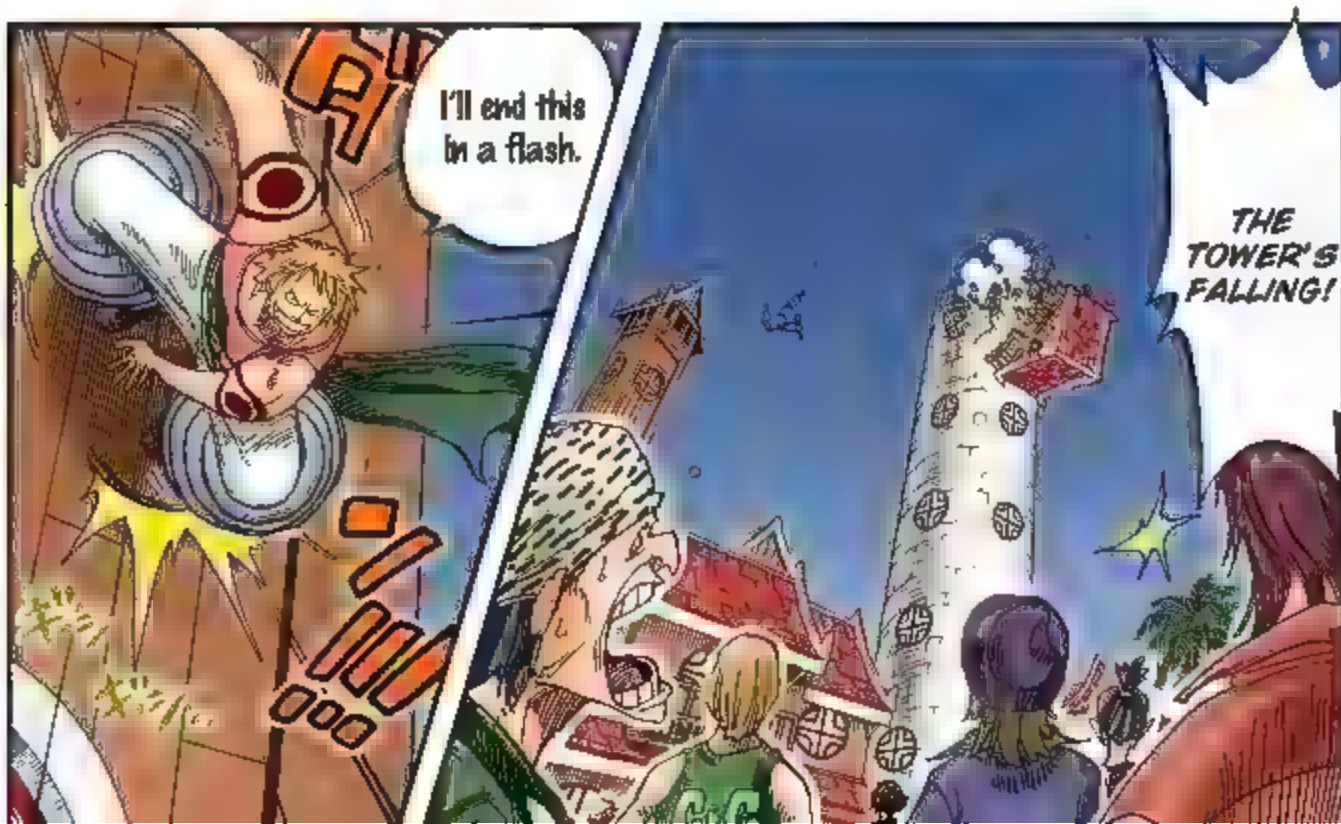
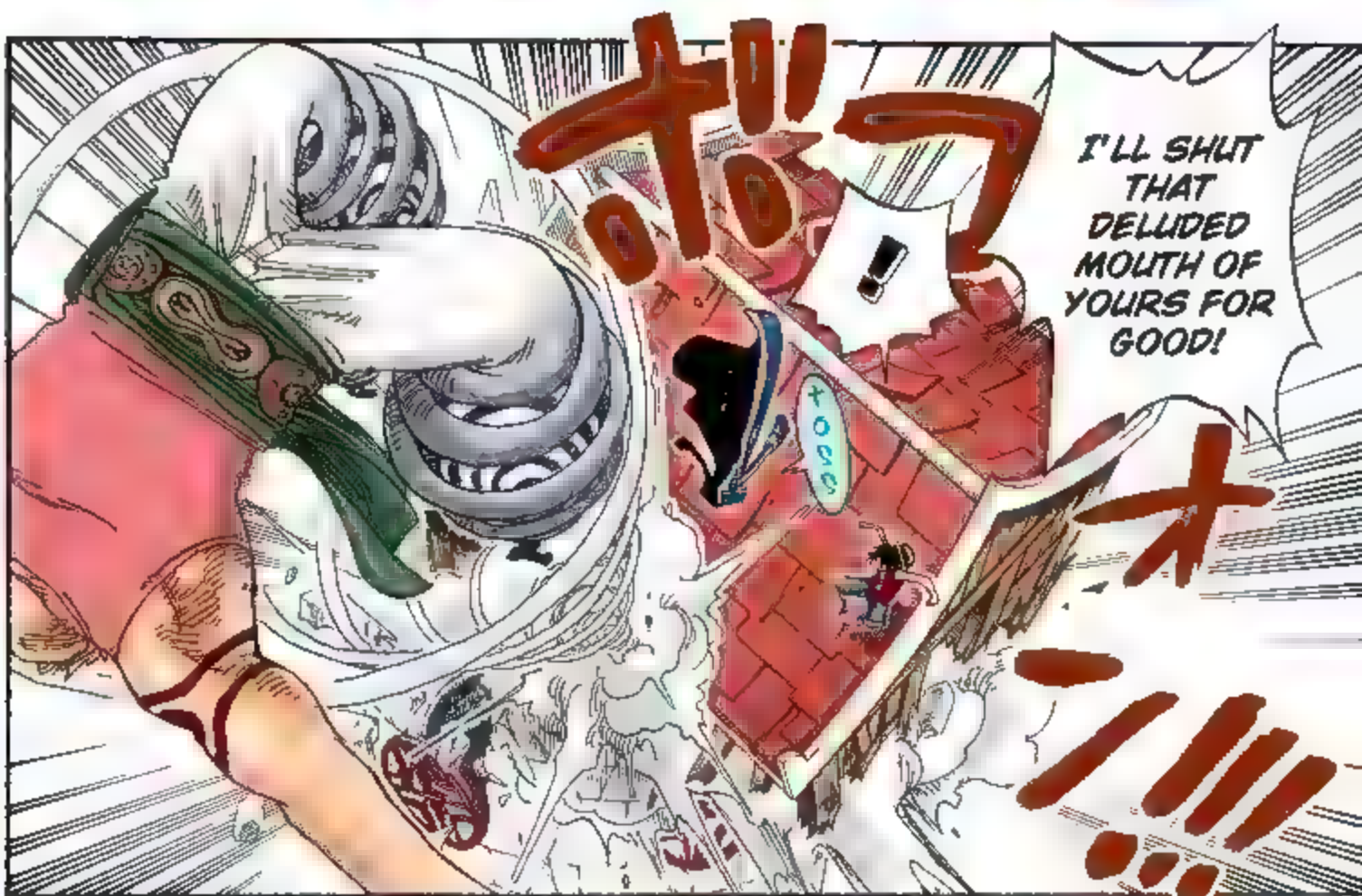
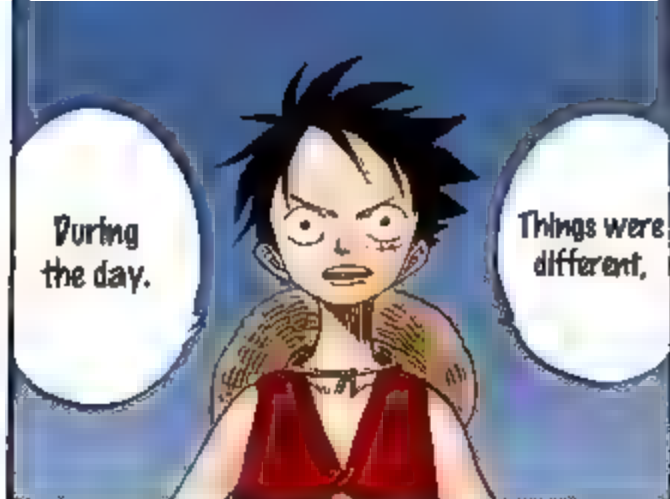
YOU AIN'T
GONNA TAKE
JACK SHIT
BACK FROM
ME,

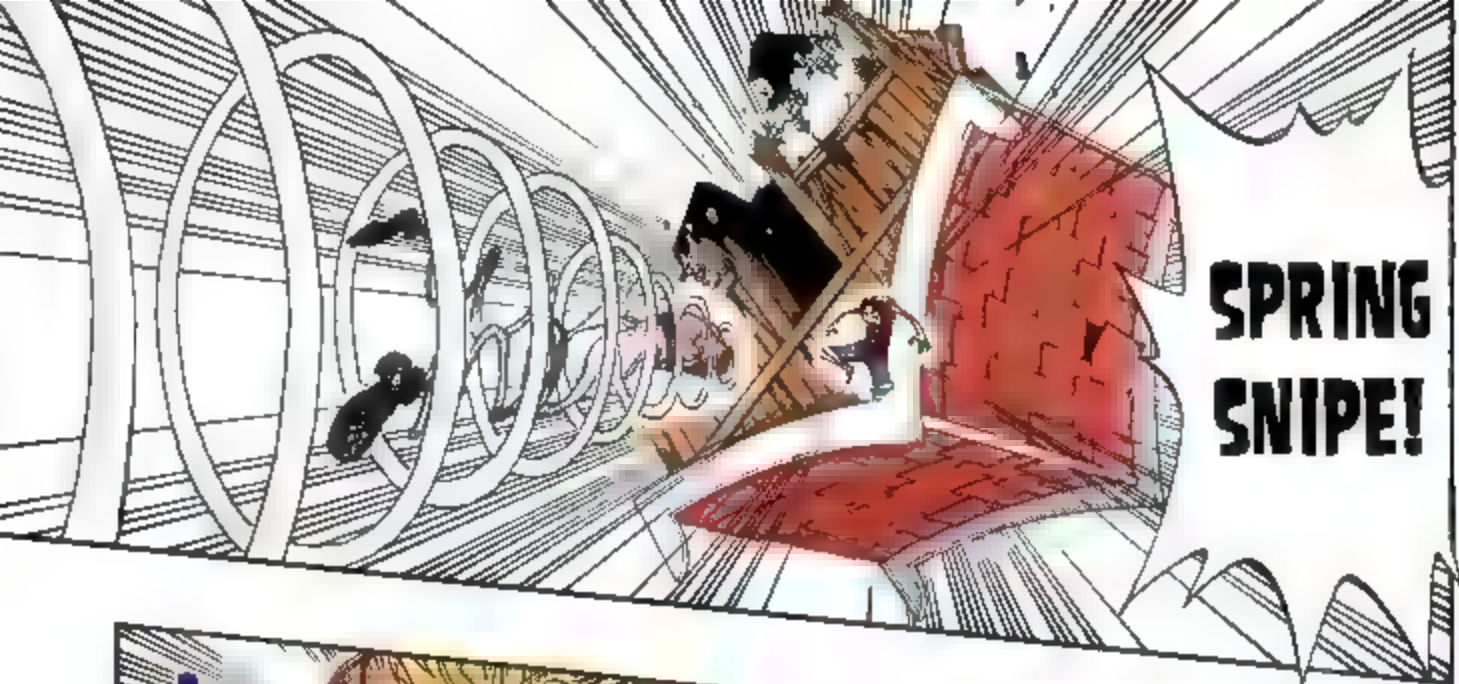


See for yourself...
Does that twerp
look in any way like
a threatening
criminal to you?

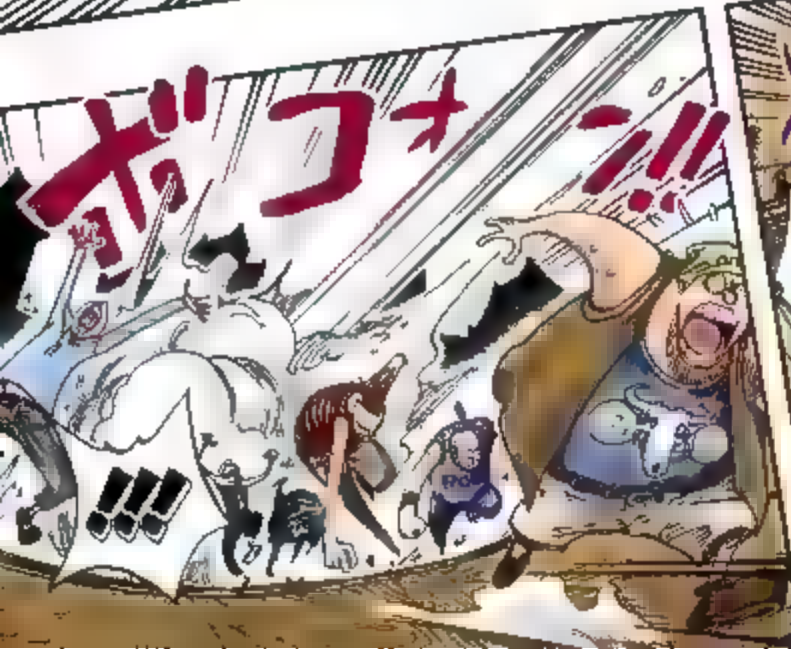
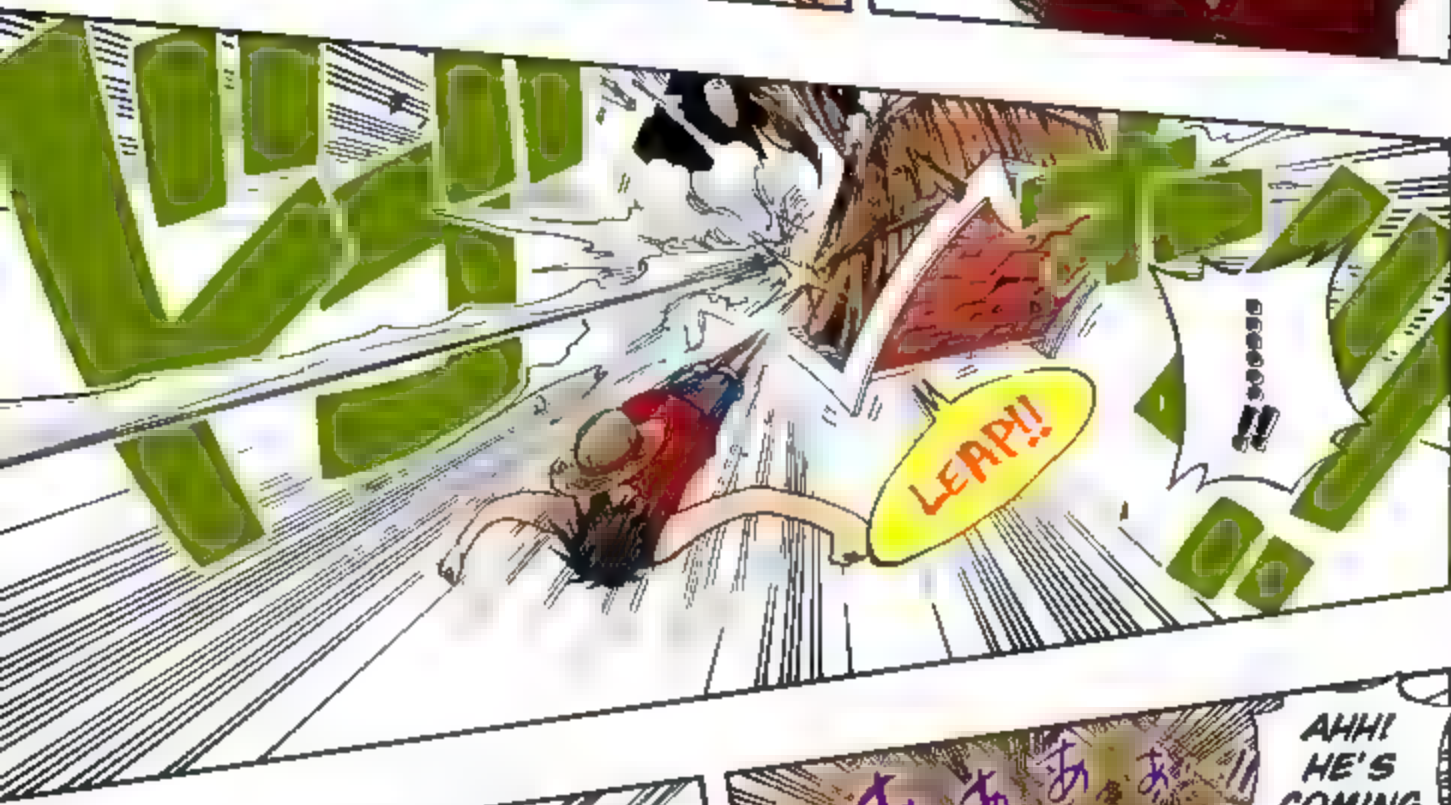
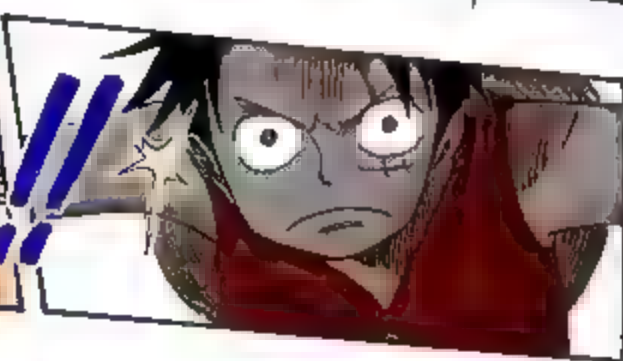
Ha, don't
make me
laugh...

Even 90
million is
doubtful
for him.





**SPRING
SNIPE!**





Ahhh! He stood back up!



Don't tell me you've died already?



!!?

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SPRING HOPPER!

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HAHA
HAHA!

You said
he's your
friend!?

AHH! This is
what he used
to finish off
Koshio the
Executioner!

どもども!!

Bellamy...
disappeared!?

SKY
ISLAND!?

THE
CITY OF
GOLD!?

HAHA
HAHA!

OH I SEE!
YOU, THE OLD
MAN, AND HIS
TWO MONKEYS
ARE ALL THE
SAME KIND,
AREN'T YOU?

THE AGE OF
DREAMS IS
OVER, YOU
EMBARRASS-
ING EXCUSE
OF A PIRATE!

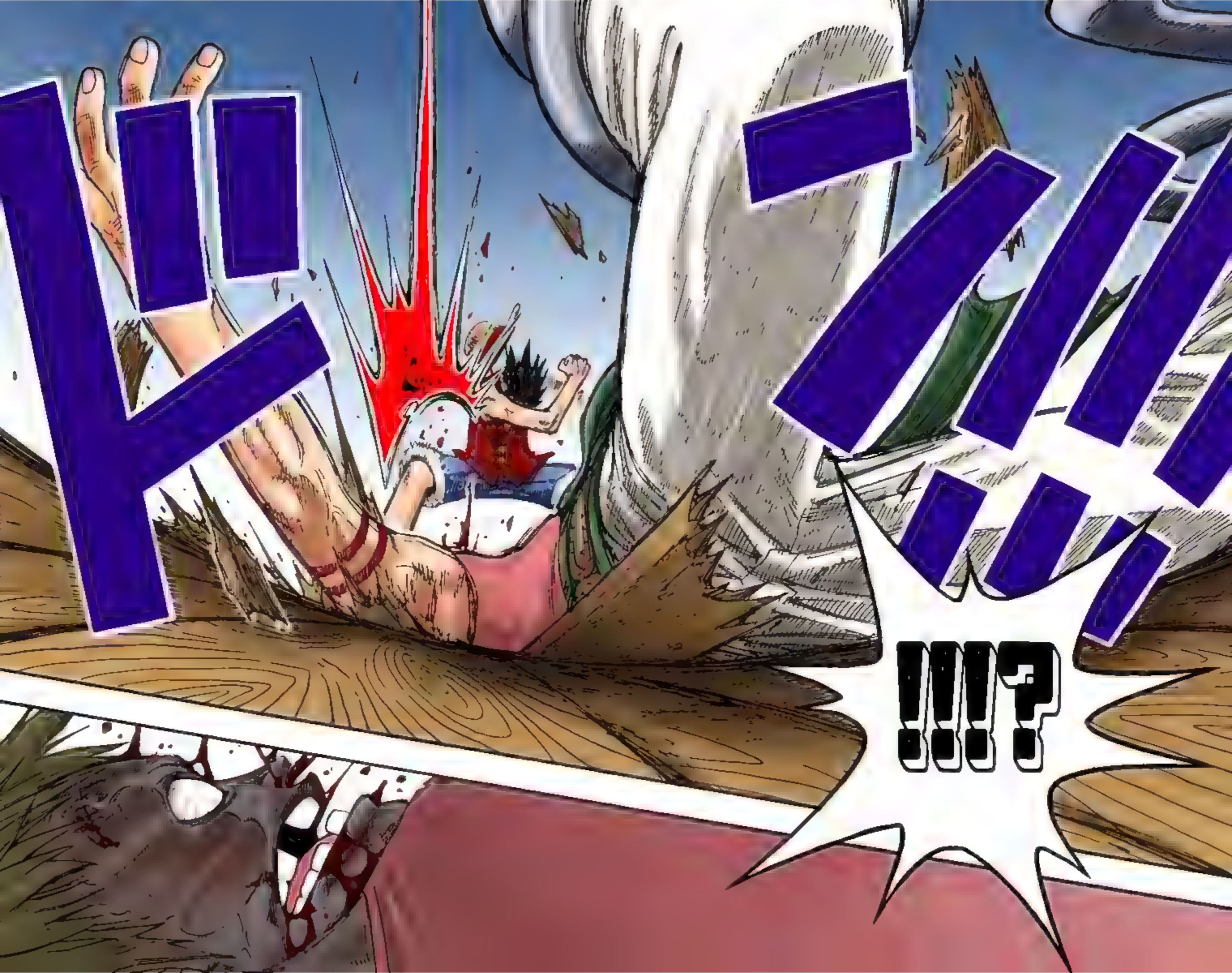
A BUNCH OF
RETARDS WHO
GO ON BELIEVING
SOME 400
YEAR-OLD LIE!

Finish him off, Bellamy!
A dumbass like him
doesn't even have the
right to live!

GOOD-
BYE,

STRAW
HAT!

You asked if
I knew how to
throw a punch...



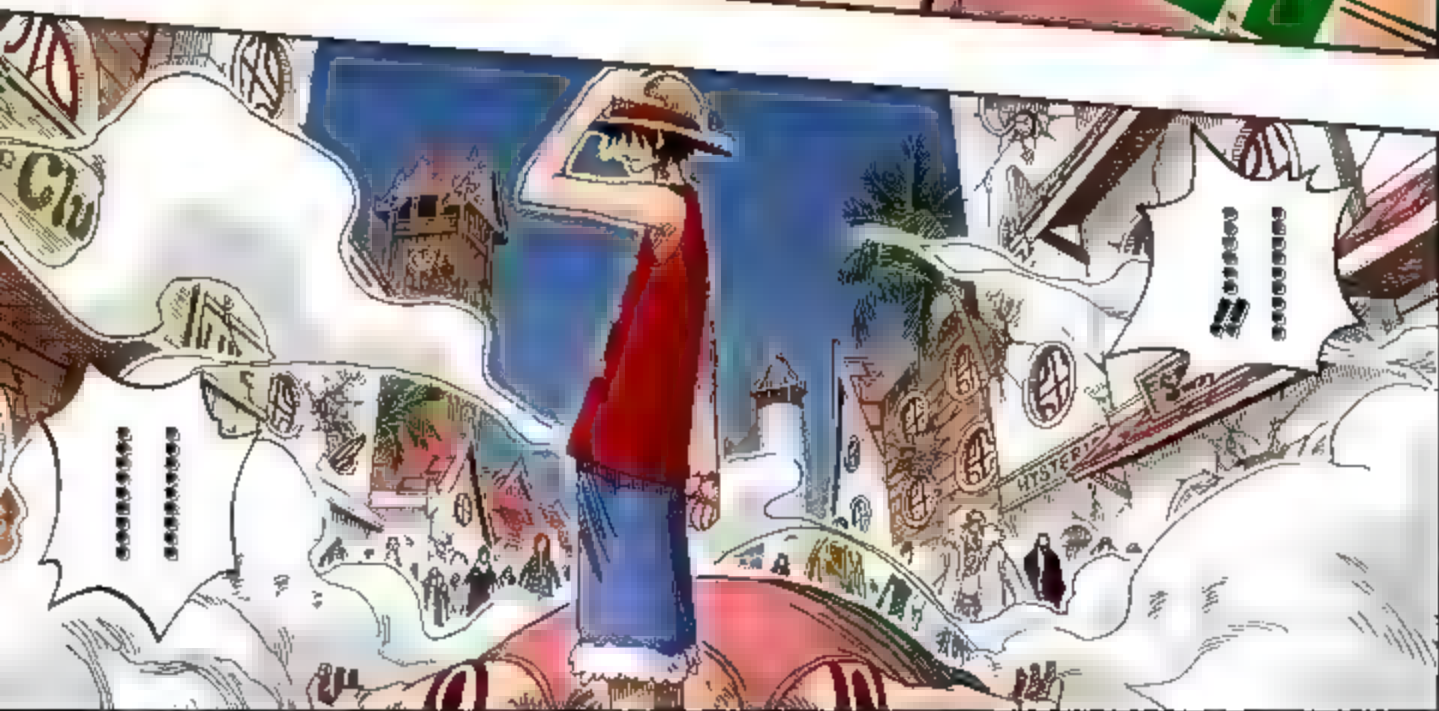
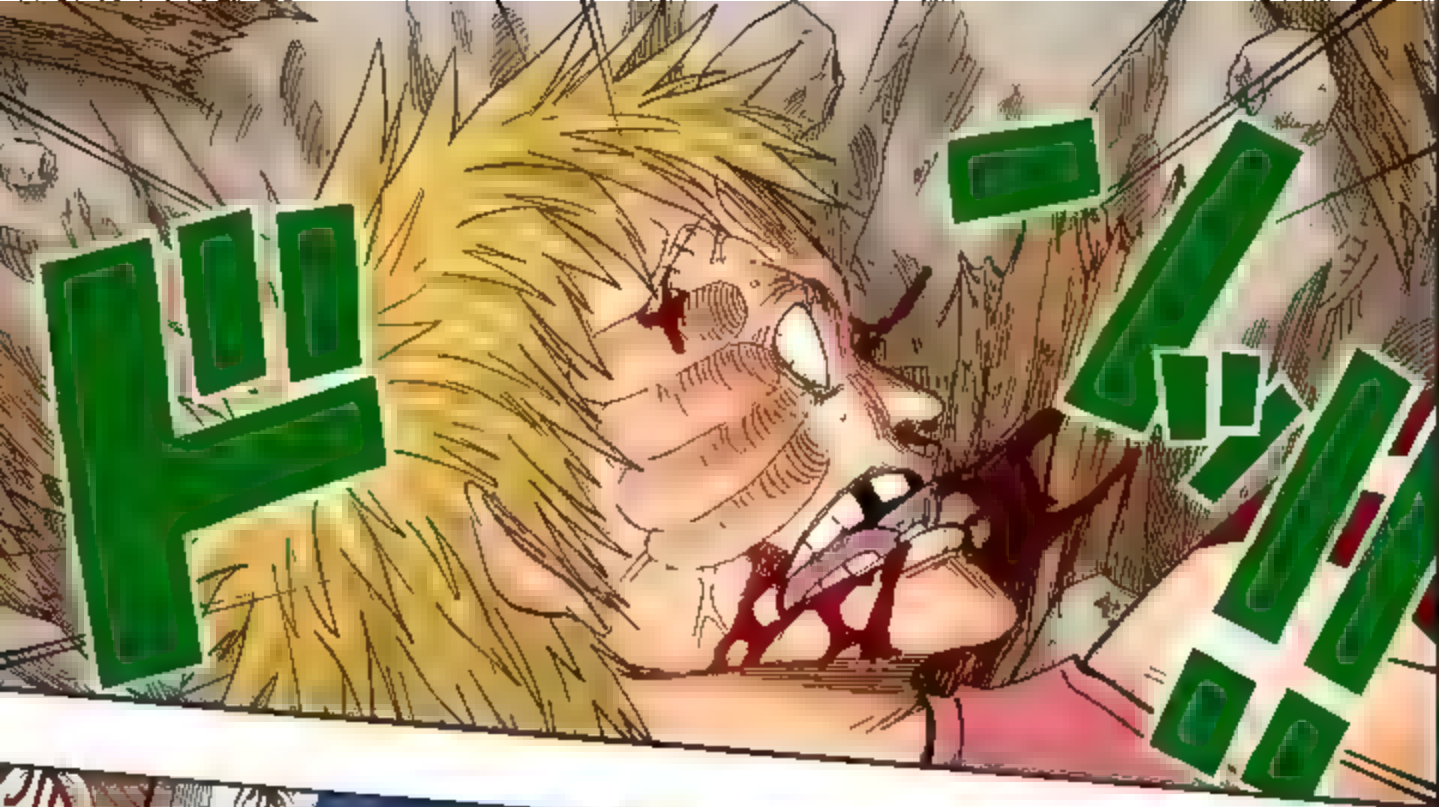
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Chapter 233

“Highest Powers of the World”



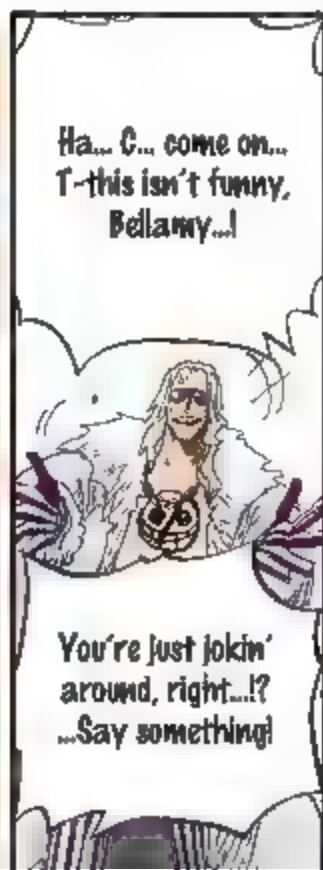




CUT IT OUT, BELLAMY!
STOP ACTIN' STUPID
AND PUT ON YOUR
USUAL SHOW FOR US!

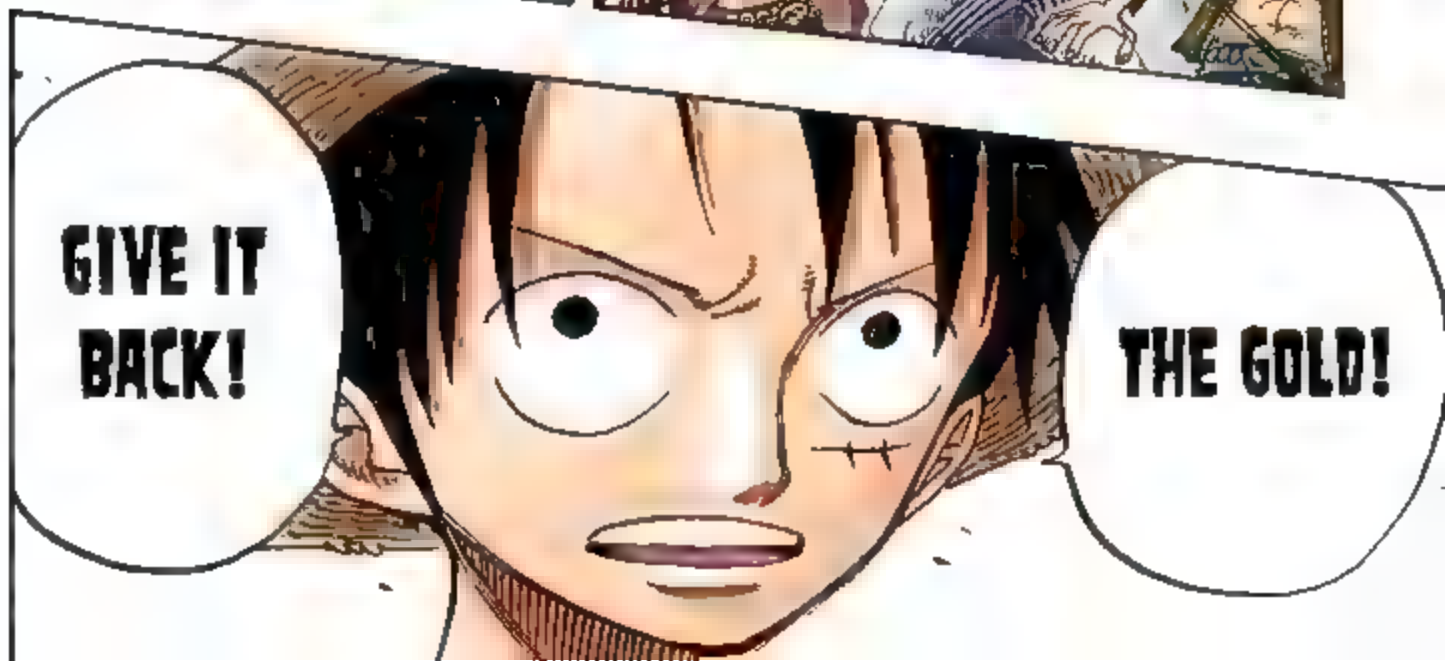
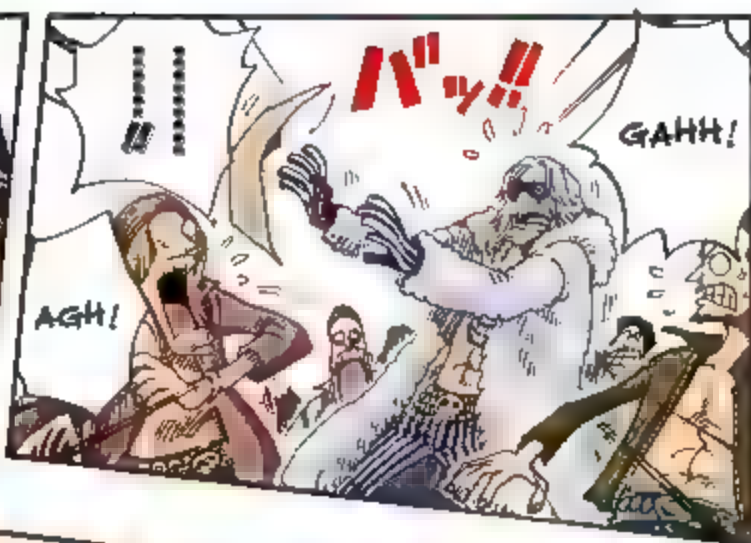
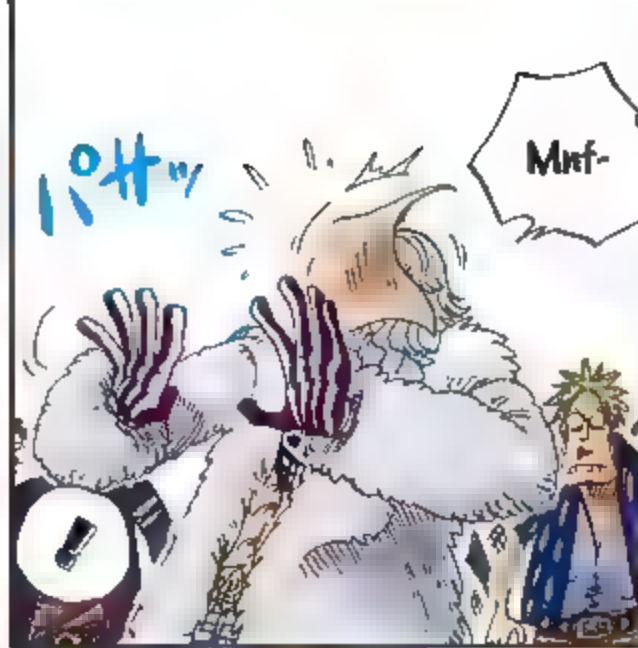
AREN'T YOU THE
BIGSHOT ROOKIE
WORTH 55
MILLION!?

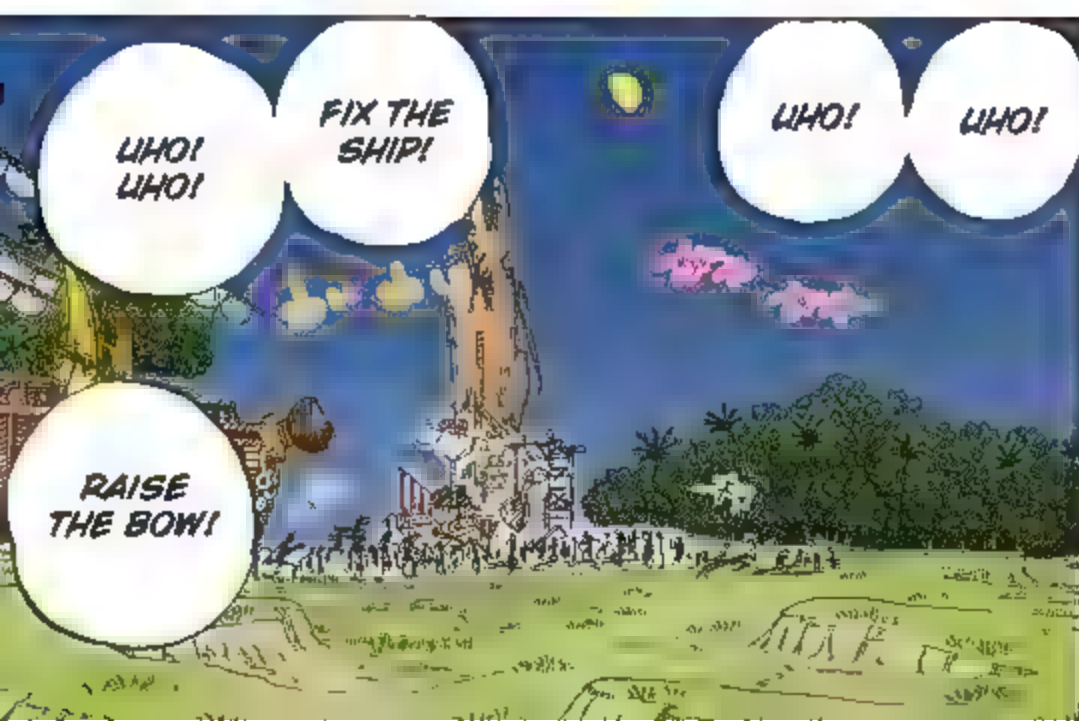
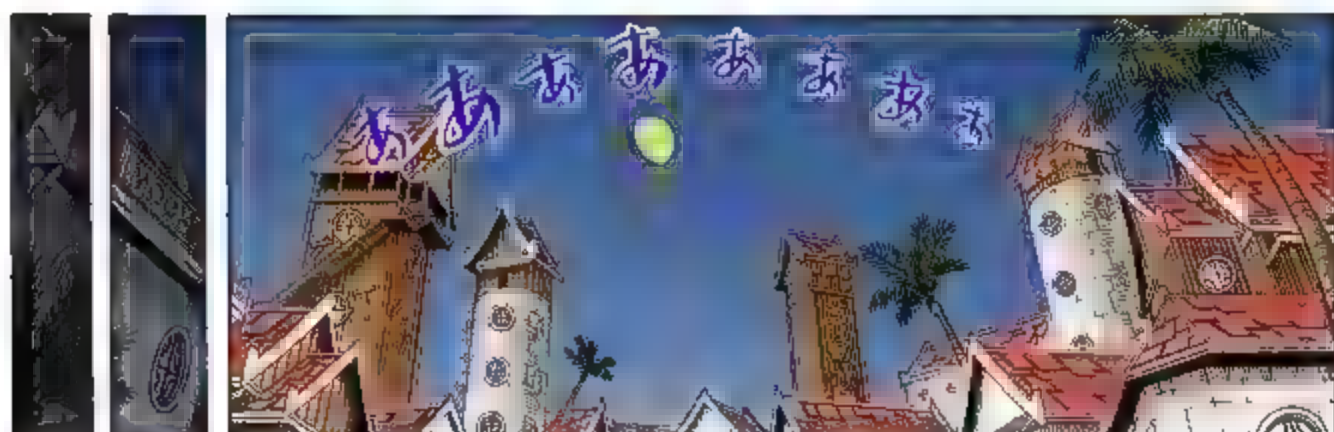
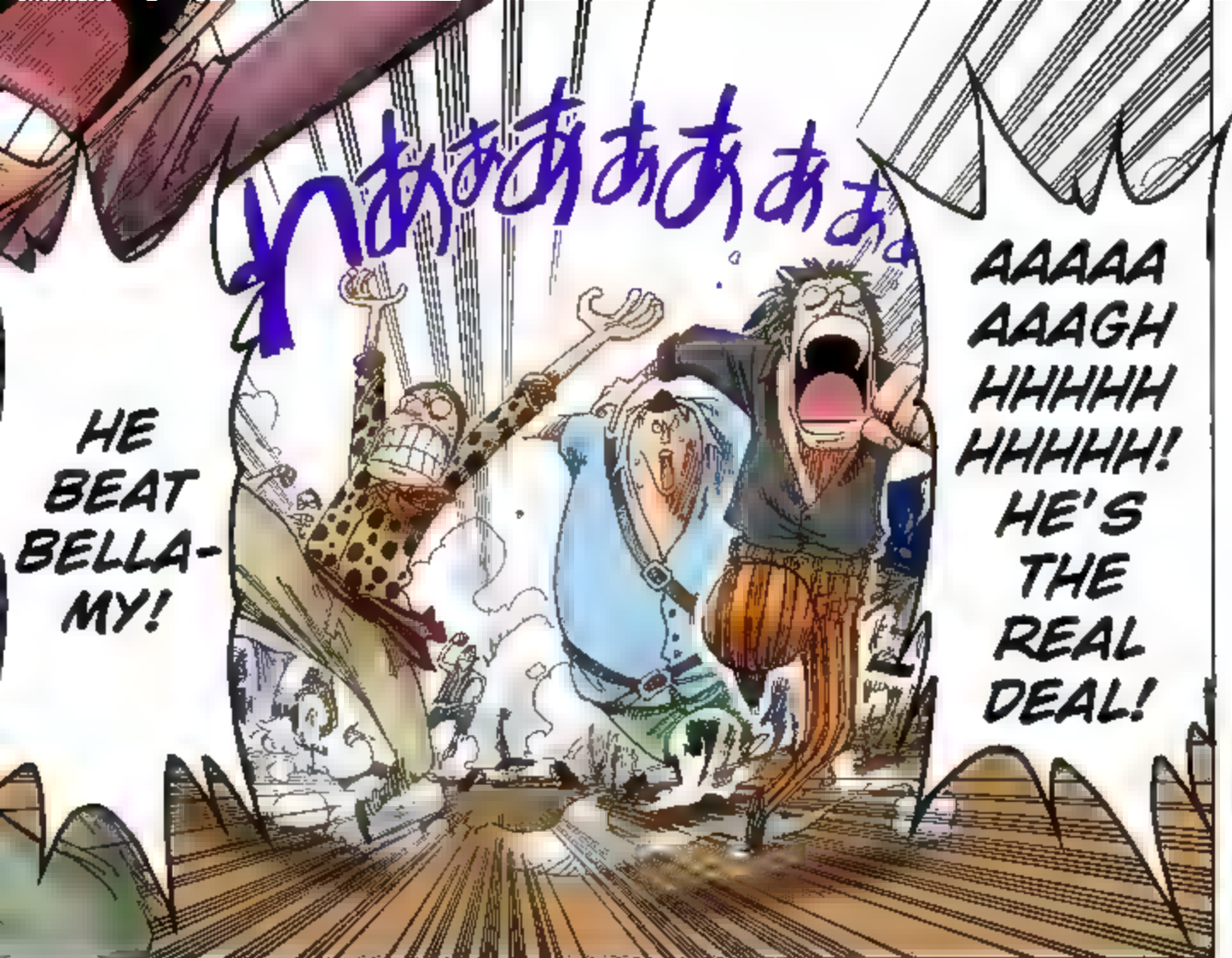
BELLAMY!

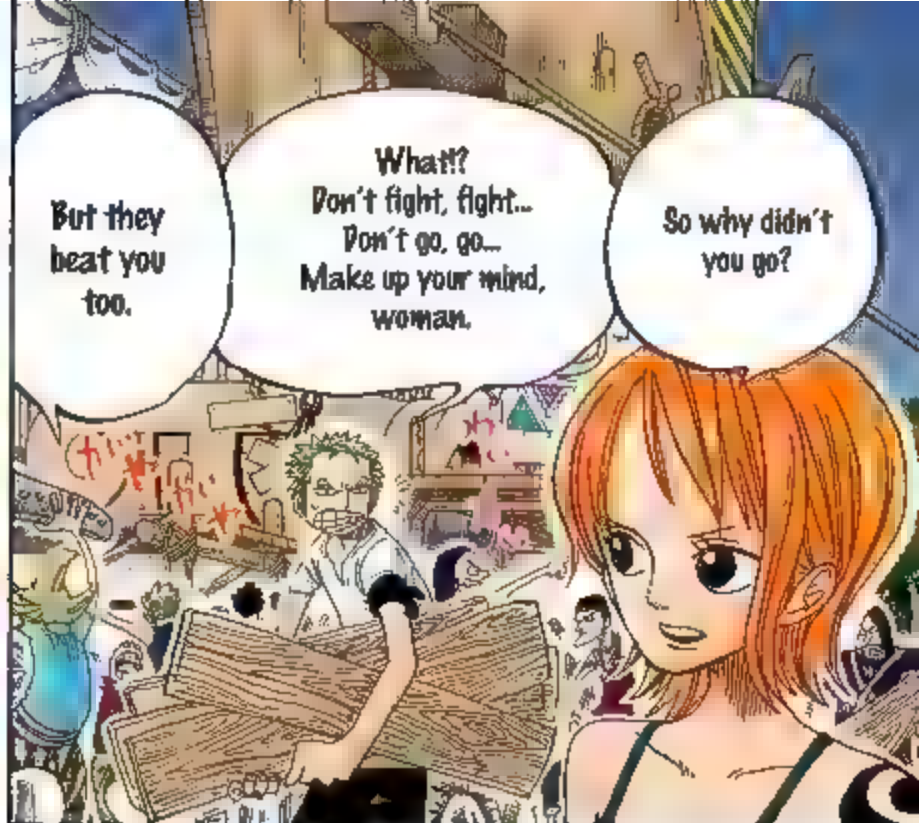


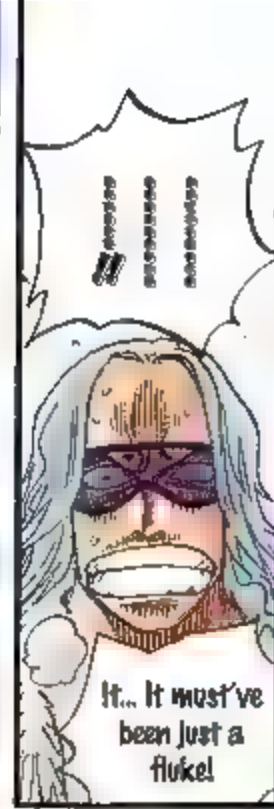
Ha... C... come on...
T-this isn't funny,
Bellamy...!

You're just jokin'
around, right...!?
...Say something!









ゴゴ オオ オオ... オ...

Previous day
at noon,

At a certain
island in the
Grand Line...

Are you sure this is
the right place?

WHAT!?

Captain!

Captain!

WHO KNOWS JUST WHAT
KIND OF MONSTER MIGHT
COME OUT...!

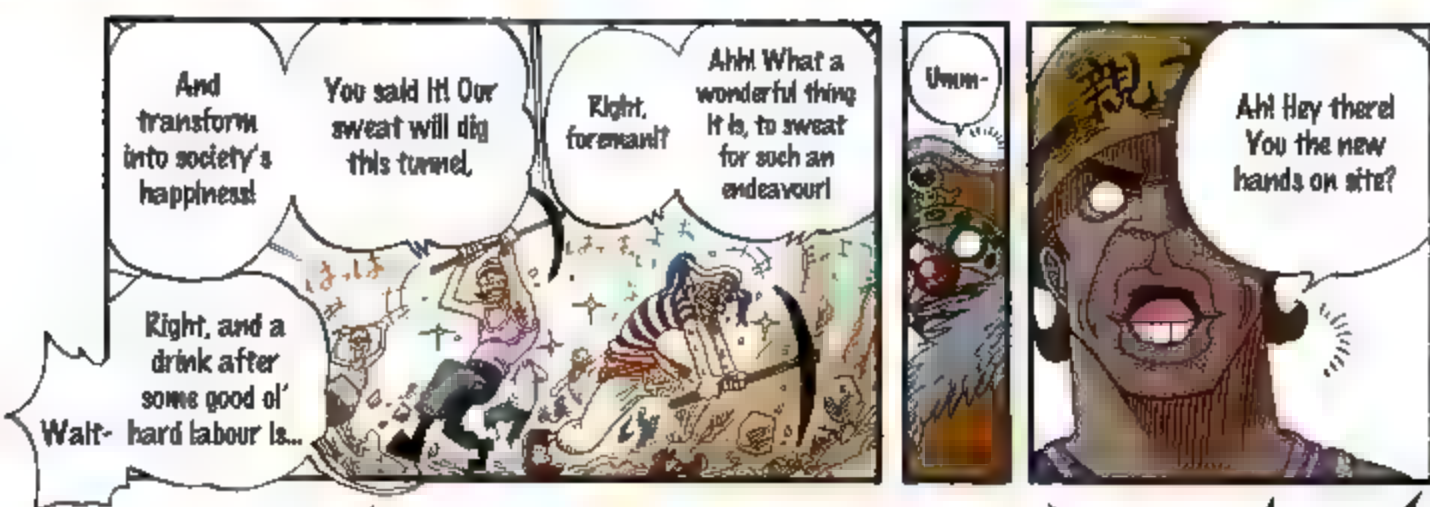
OR WHAT KIND OF
HELLISH TRAP THAT
MIGHT SPRING
UPON US...!

There's bound
to be guards
or booby
traps around
treasure!

Yes, yes,
just keep
walking!

Is this really the legendary
cave that the notorious
Capt. John who'd do
anything for gold hid his
treasures in?

So don't let your
guard down or
you'll lose your
head!



**WHO'S
SAYIN' I
HAVE A BIG
RED-NOSE!?**

Are you tryin' to
get our captain
all red-faced?

Hey, show some
more tact, you
idiot! Our captain
just got the wrong
island by mistake!

So there was no
Capt. John's
treasure.

WELL?

When a witch
eats children,
she fattens
them up first...

Consider
a witch!

Huh? What
do you mean
by that,
cap'n?

Hmph! Let those
flashy idiots
dance around as
much as they
want!

See where
I'm going
with this?

?

They've already
become
full-fledged
pirates of
Grand Line.

With bounties
of 100 million
and 60 million.

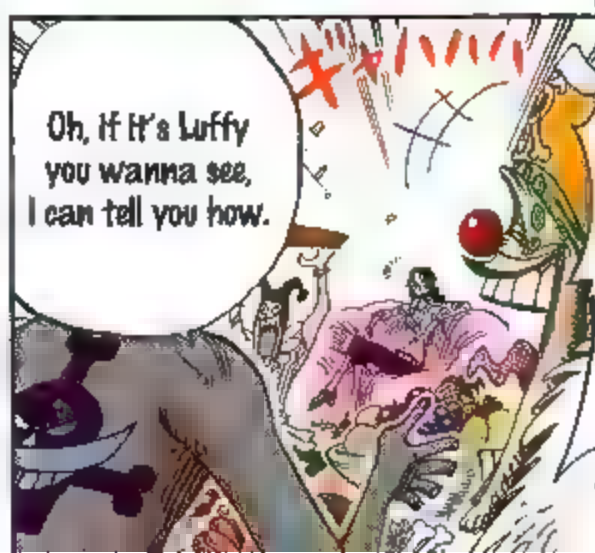
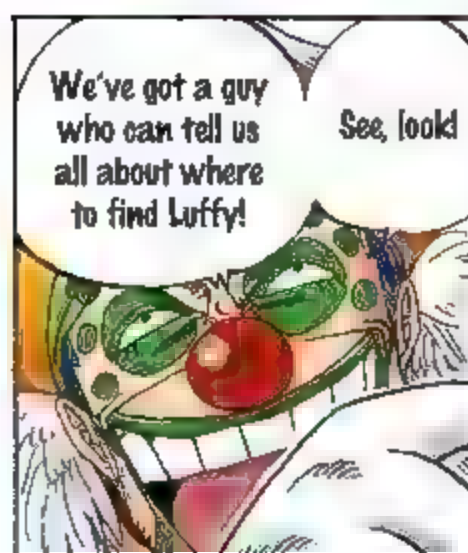
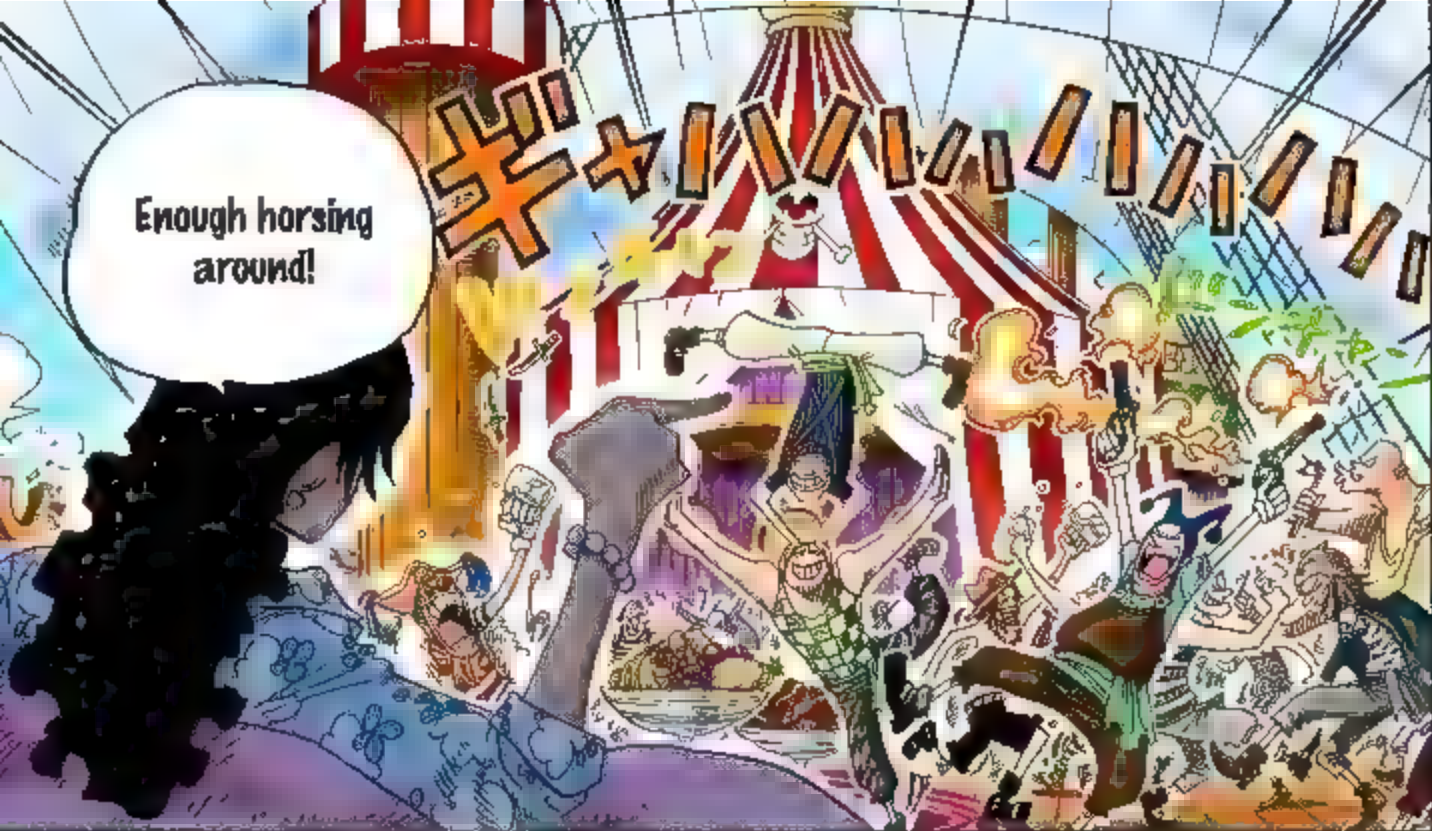
That's
great,
captain!
Should we
celebrate
then?

**GYAHAAAA!
EXACTLY!**

**YOU BET
YOUR ASS
WE DO!**

AHH! I get it!
Then the higher
your bounty will be
when you kill him!

So the higher
Straw-Hat's
bounty rises...



Aww, don't be like that, Alvida!
C'mon, have a drink and party with us for a while!

Oh, there's no need for polite introdu-

The smell of good food and drinks lured me here. My name's Ace, it's a pleasure to meet you all.

Woops, my bad for crashing your party without first saying hello.

WAIT, WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?

どよよ!!

Captain! Captain, that's "Fire-fist!"

Fire-fist Ace!

どよよ!!

I'M ASKING WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE THAT YOU CAN JUST TRESPASS ON MY SHIP!

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I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOUR FLASHY NAME!

HE FELL ASLEEP!

Oh, you know about pops?

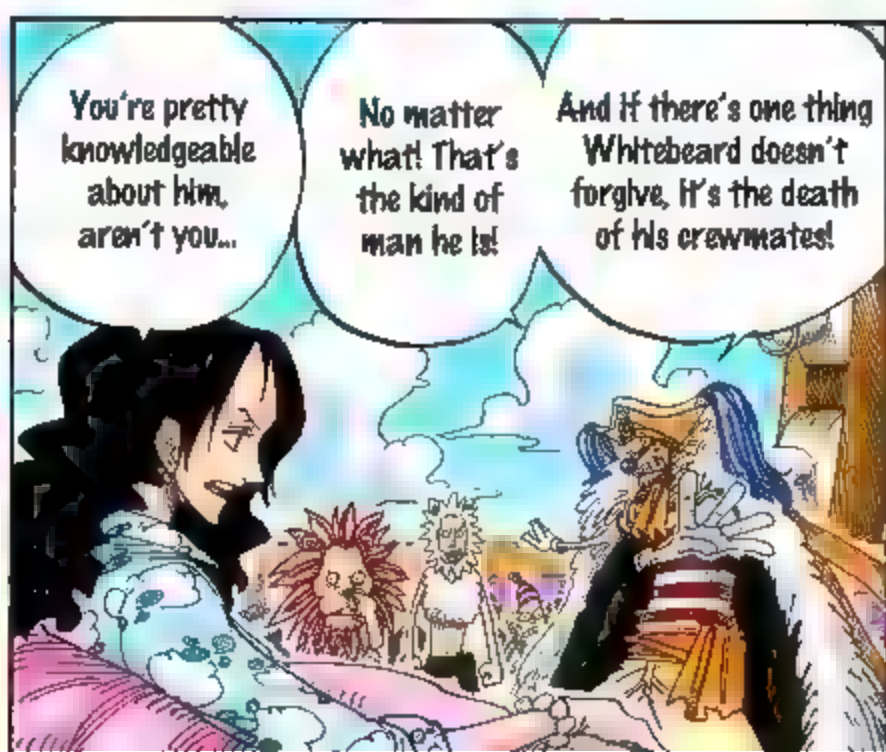
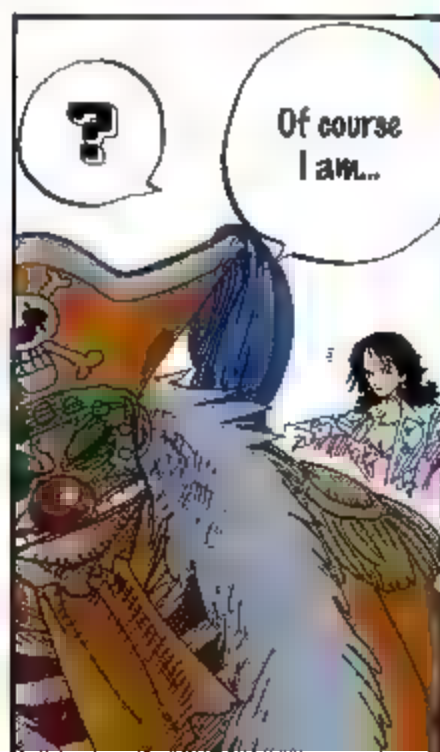
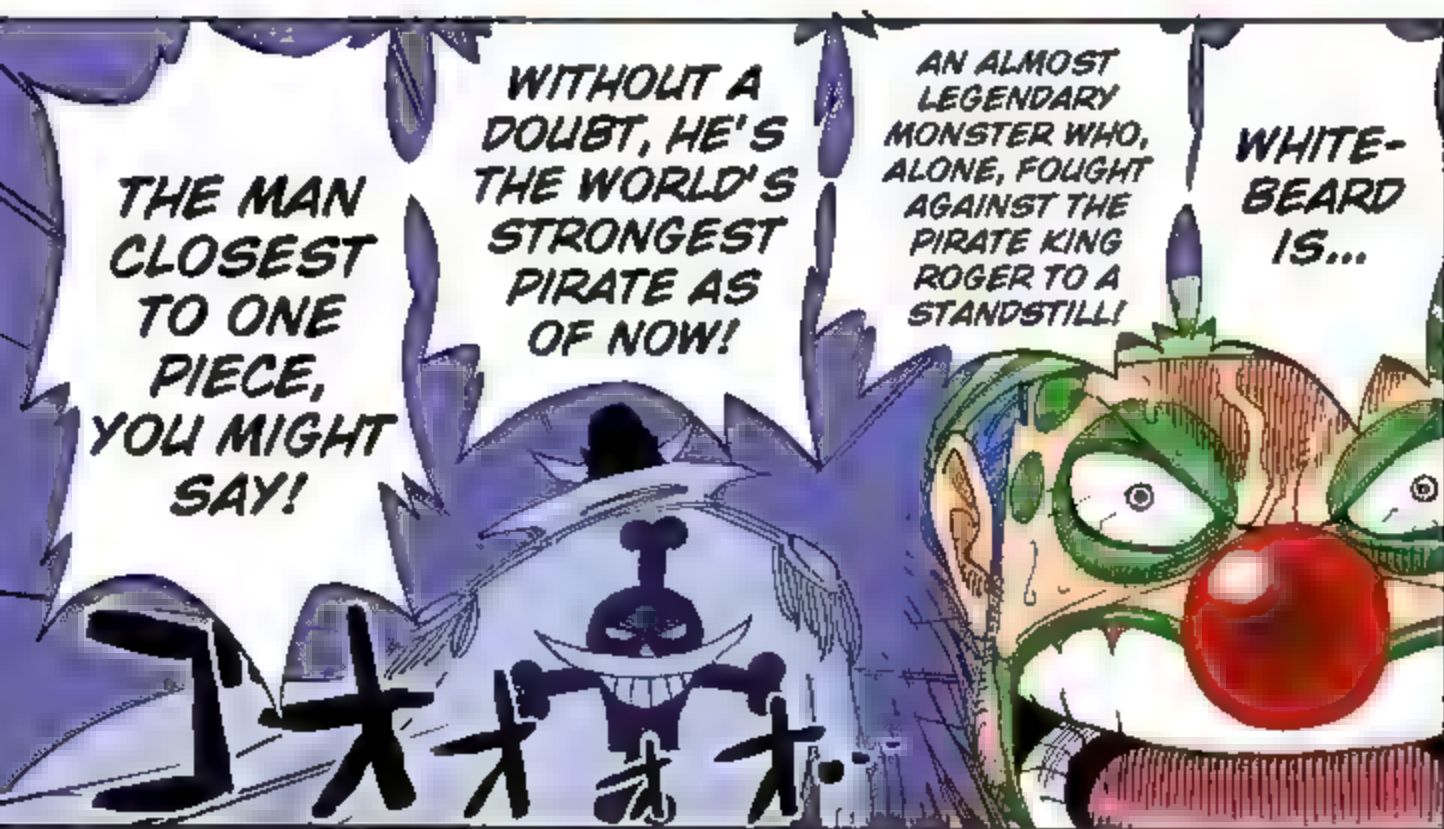
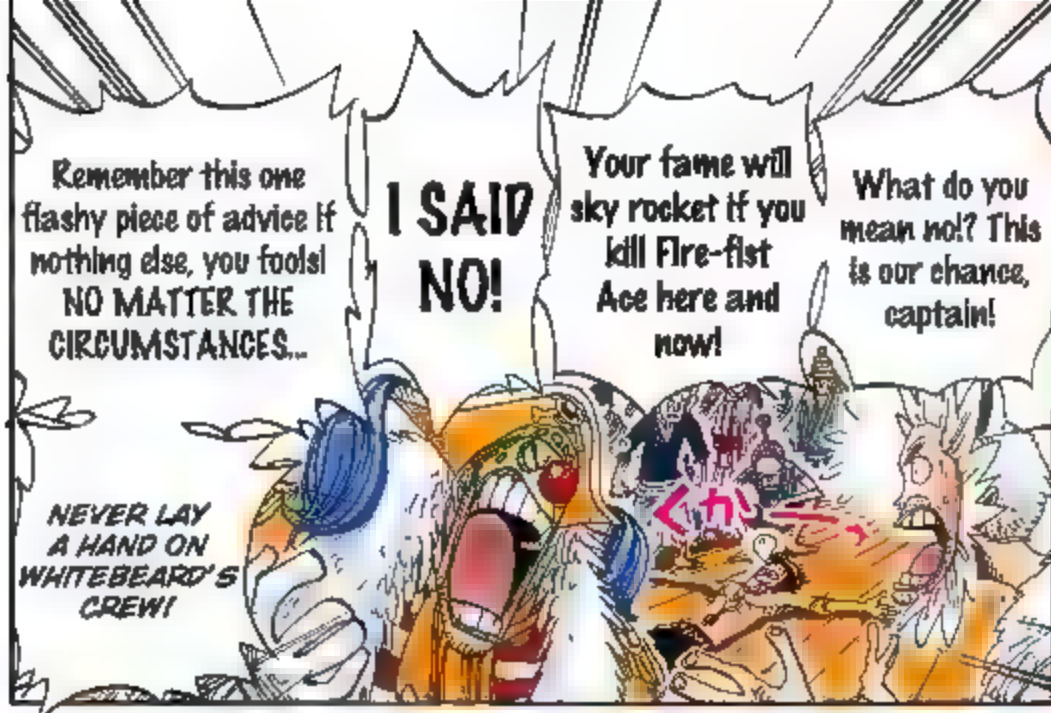
Zzz...

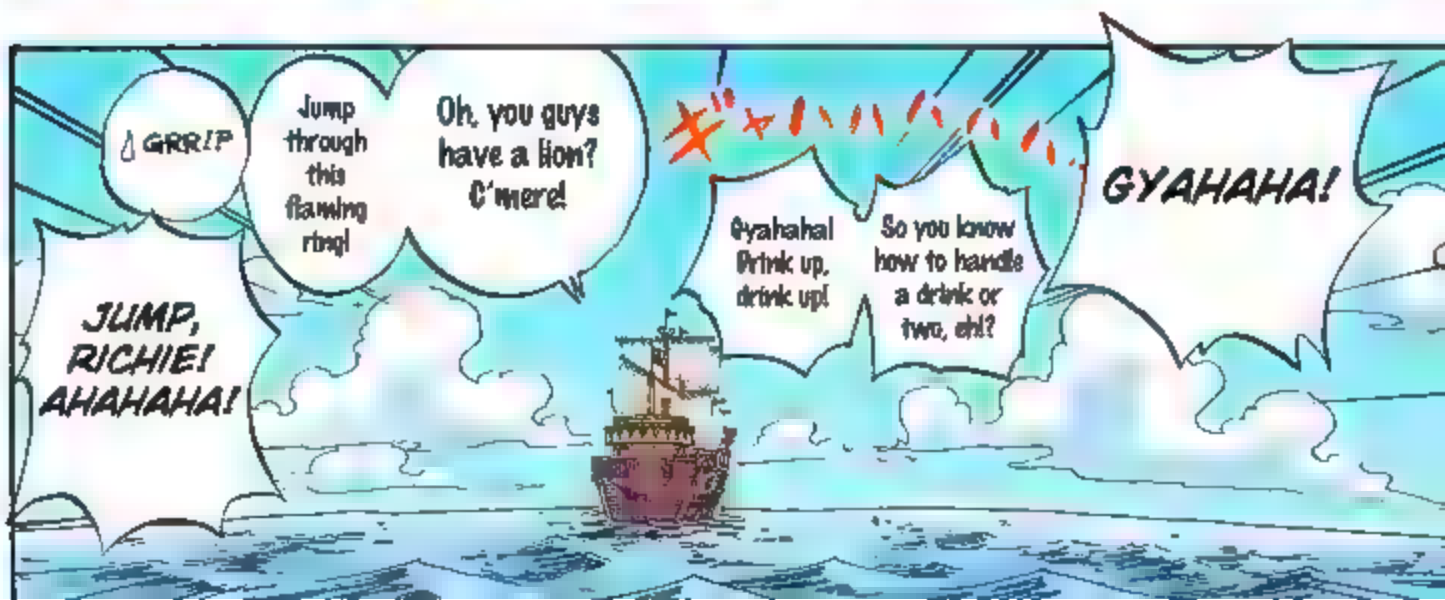
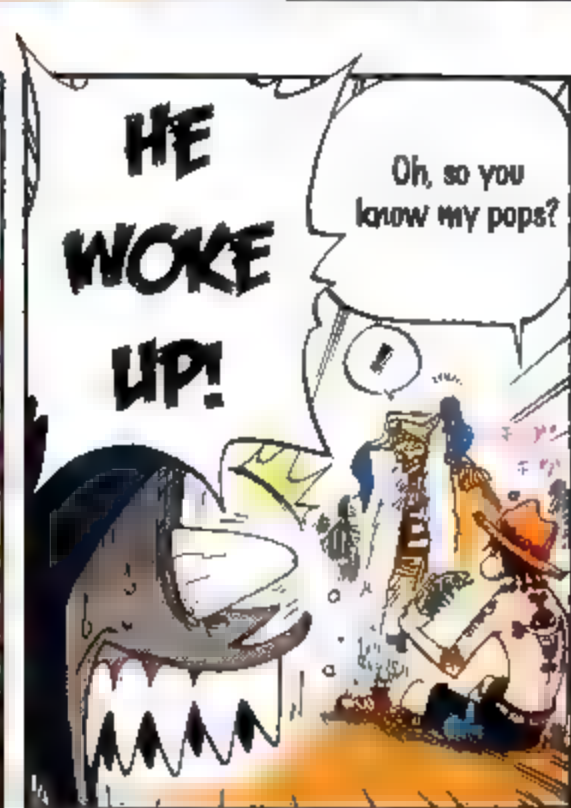
WHITE-BEARD!?

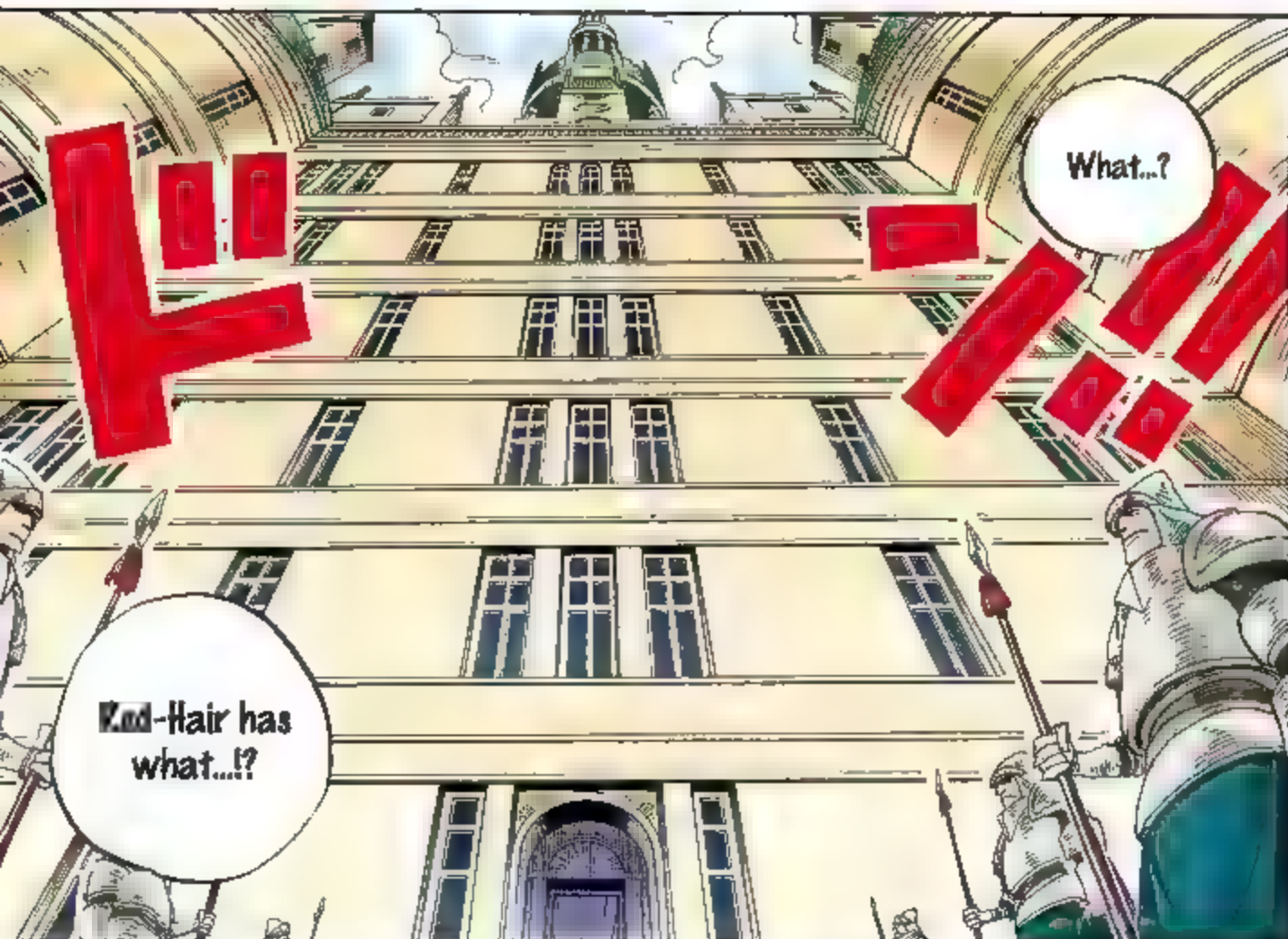
He's the commander of the Whitebeard Pirates' second division!

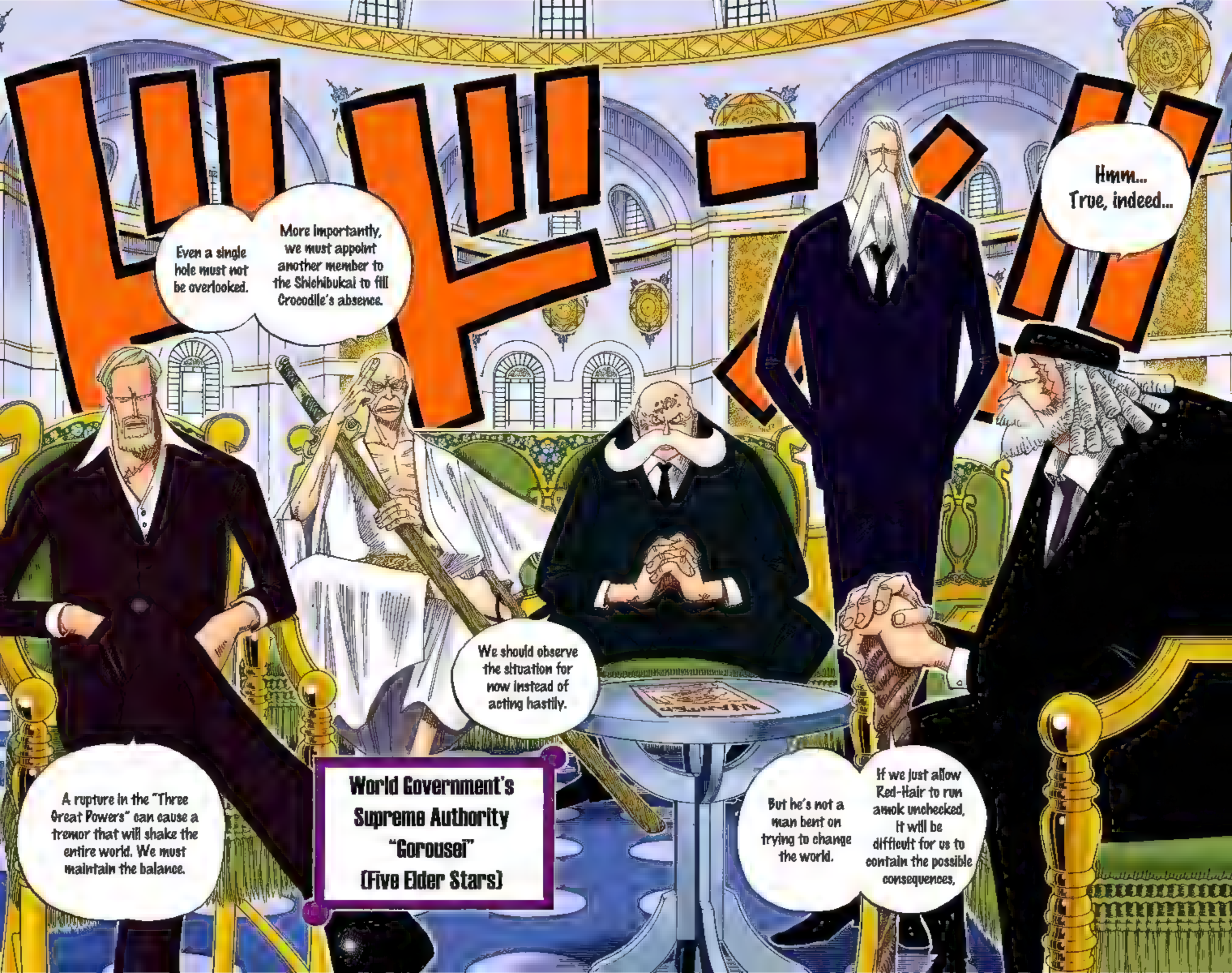
モグモグ

ザカッ!!









Even a single hole must not be overlooked.

More importantly, we must appoint another member to the Shiehubukai to fill Crocodile's absence.

We should observe the situation for now instead of acting hastily.

Hmm... True, indeed...

A rupture in the "Three Great Powers" can cause a tremor that will shake the entire world. We must maintain the balance.

**World Government's
Supreme Authority
"Gorousei"
(Five Elder Stars)**

But he's not a man bent on trying to change the world.

If we just allow Red-Hair to run amok unchecked, it will be difficult for us to contain the possible consequences.



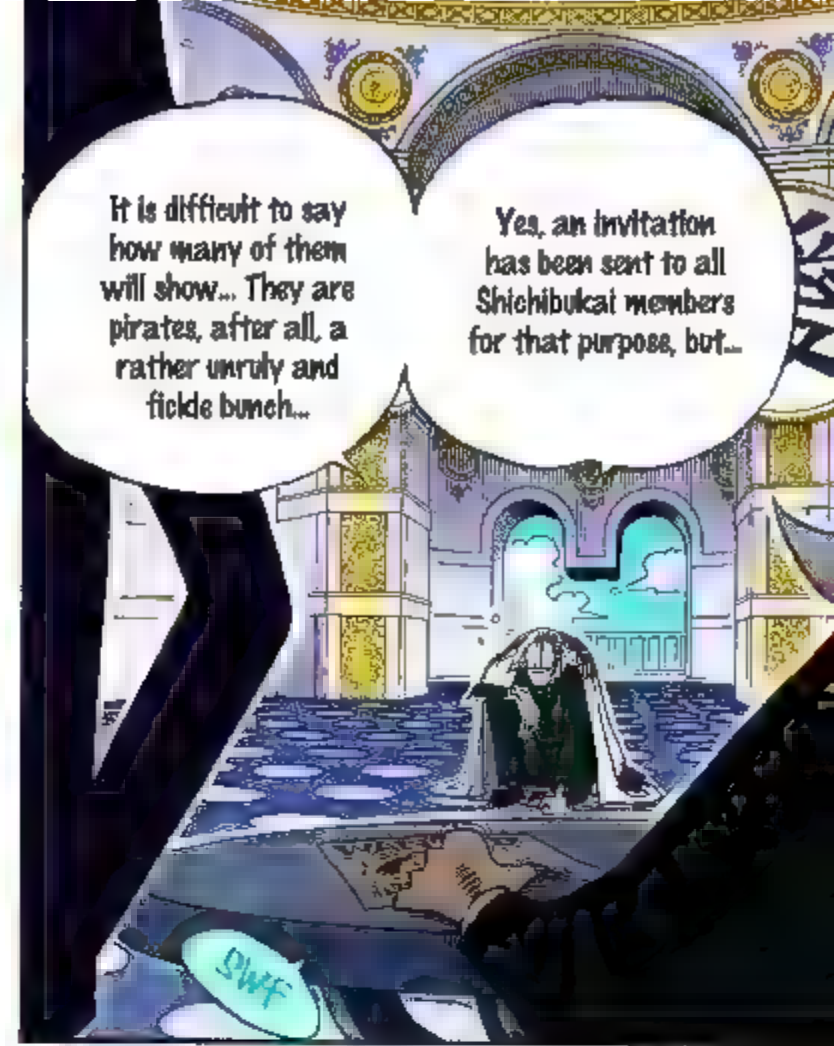
BARTHOLOMEW
KUMA HAVE
ARRIVED...!

AND...

DONQUIXOTE
DOFLAMINGO,

THE ROYAL
SHICHIBUKAI
MEMBERS,

MARINE HQ
REPORTING TO
MARIE JOIS:



It is difficult to say
how many of them
will show... They are
pirates, after all, a
rather unruly and
fickle bunch...

Yes, an invitation
has been sent to all
Shichibukai members
for that purpose, but...



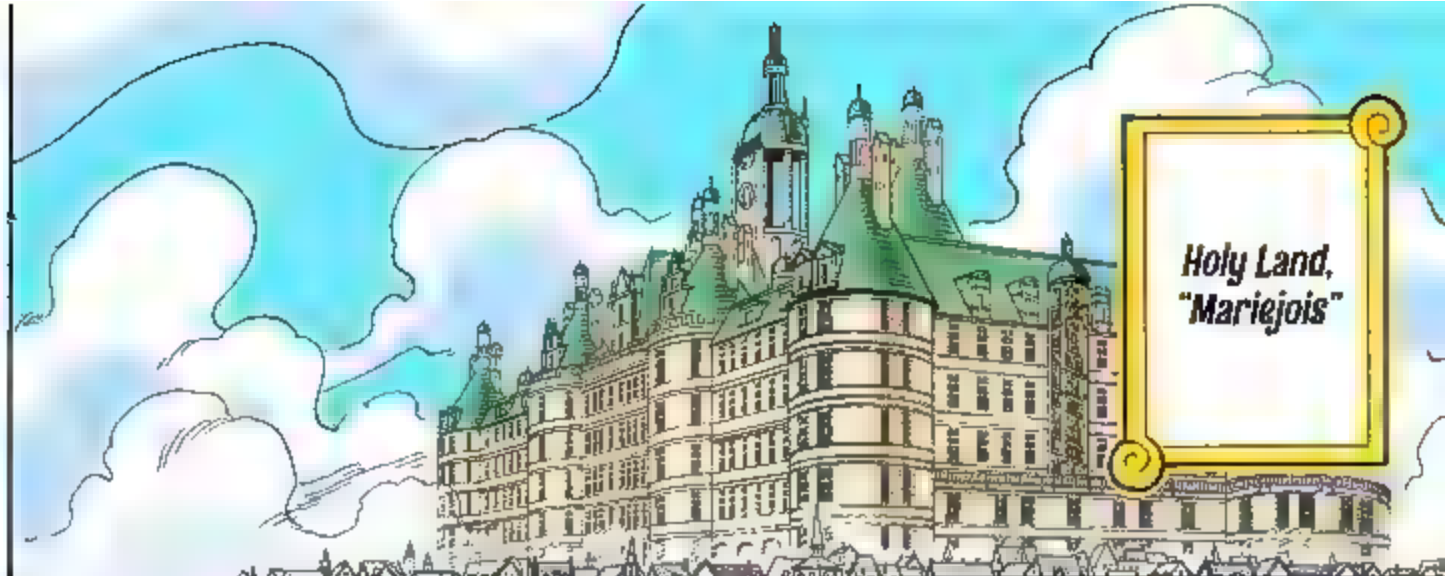
And the man who took
him down... He must
also not be allowed to
run loose for long...
Monkey D. Luffy...

Crocodile...
What a mess
you've left
for us...

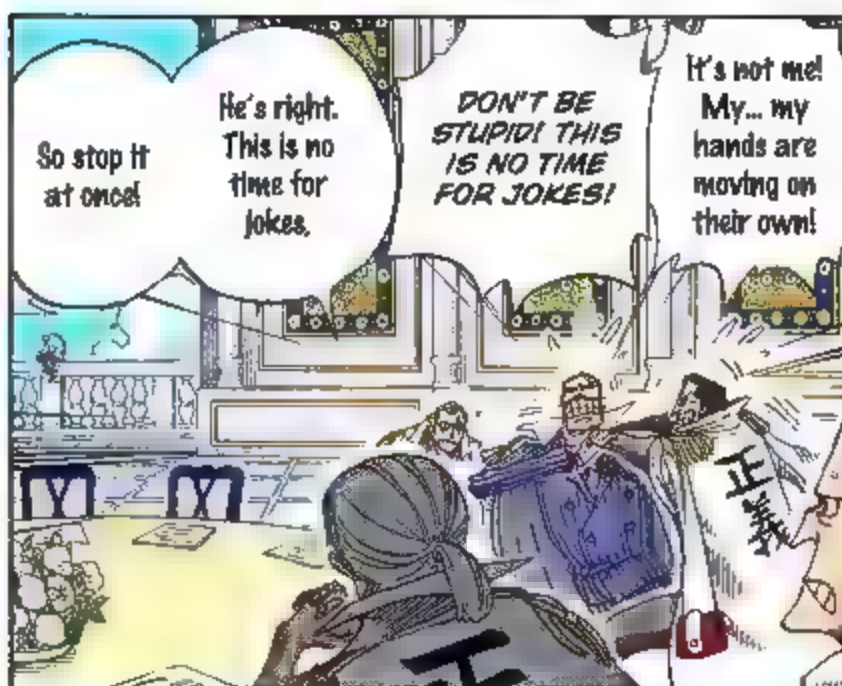
Chapter 234

Please Keep That in Mind





Holy Land,
"Mariejois"



So stop it
at once!

He's right.
This is no
time for
jokes.

**DON'T BE
STUPID! THIS
IS NO TIME
FOR JOKES!**

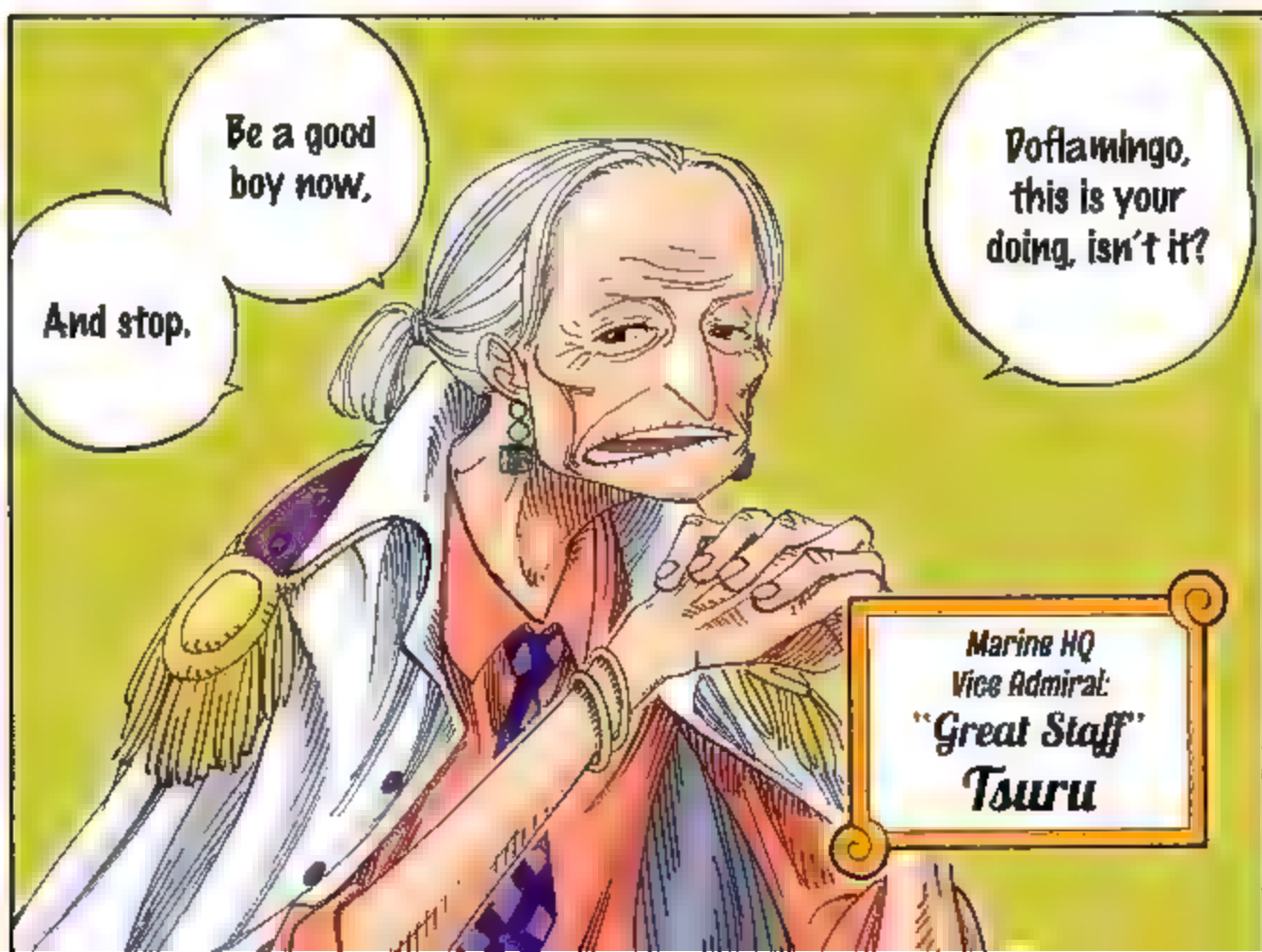
It's not me!
My... my
hands are
moving on
their own!



**WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING!?**

STOP!

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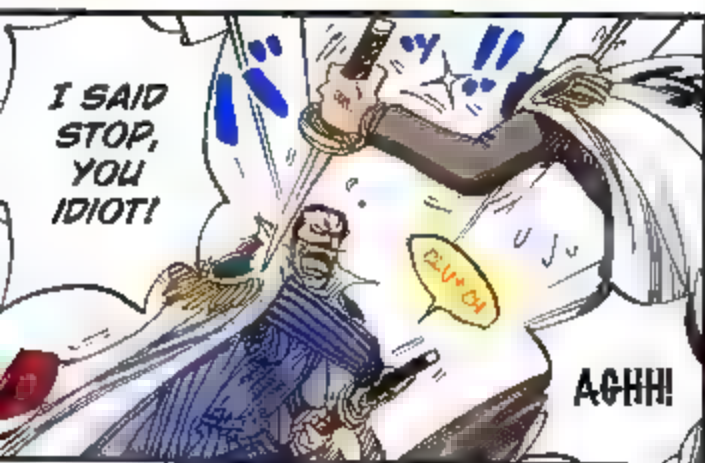
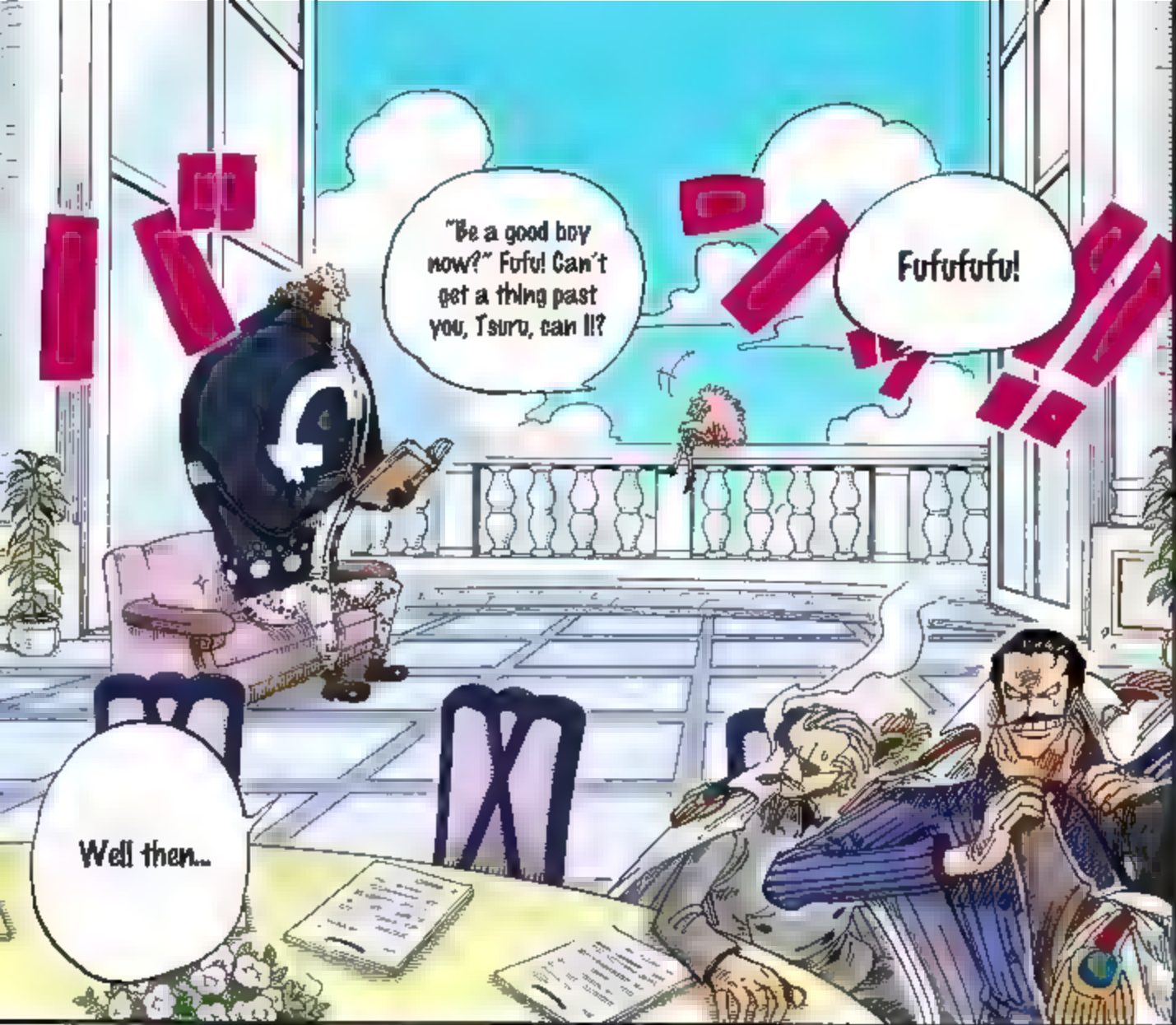


Be a good
boy now,

And stop.

Doflamingo,
this is your
doing, isn't it?

Marine HQ
Vice Admiral:
"Great Staff"
Tsuru



OR HAVE YOU
COME HERE
TODAY TO
WAGE WAR
AGAINST US?

PUT AN END
TO THIS
SILLINESS
AT ONCE.

にんじり...

Ah, forgive me
for not greeting
you all first.

I'd like to
thank you all
for coming
today...

PARAHHA!

Marine HQ
Fleet Admiral:
(Commander-in-Chief of the Marines)

Sengoku
"The Buddah"



SCUM OF
THE SEAS.

Royal Shichibukai:
Donquixote Doflamingo
Former bounty:
340,000,000 Belly

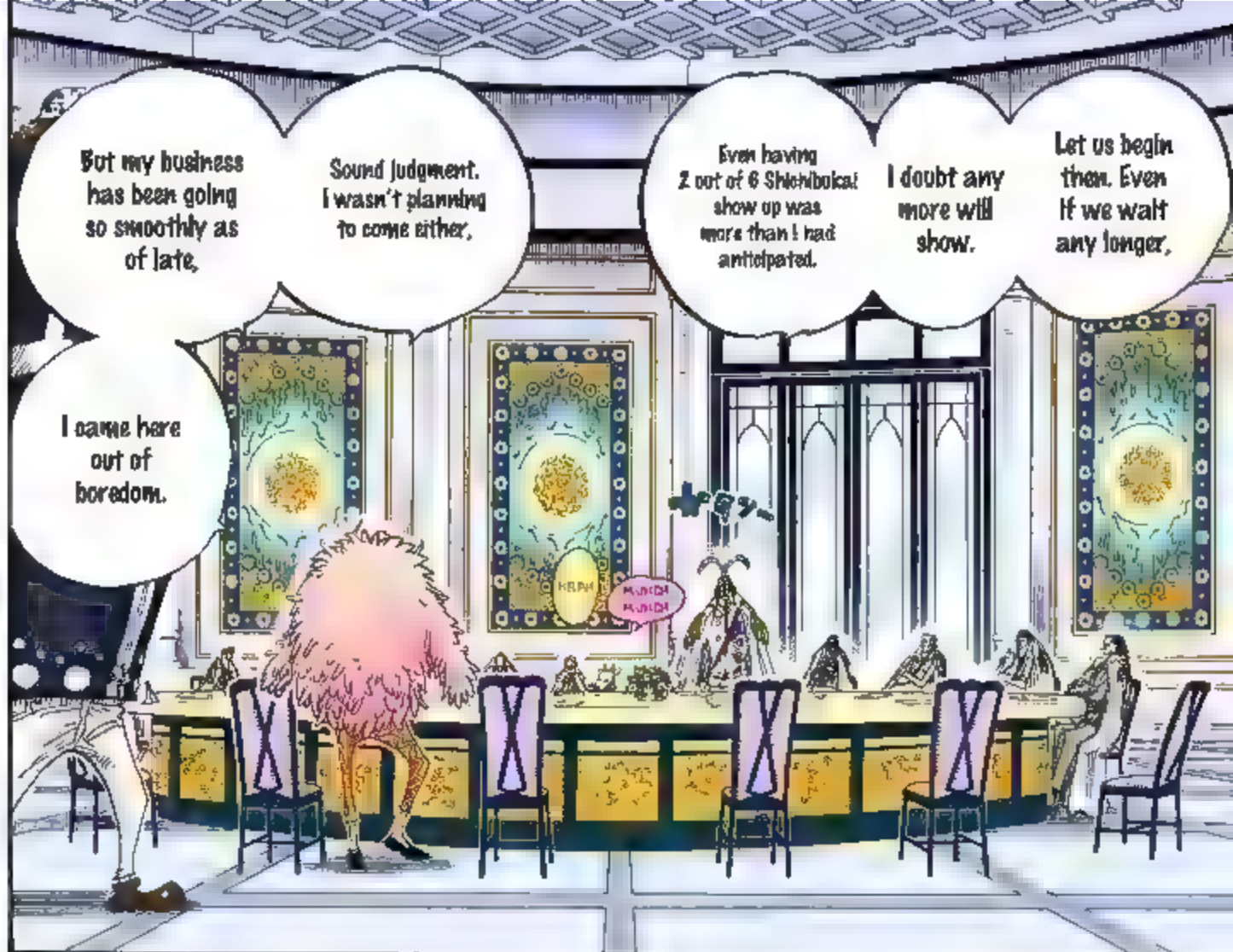
Fufufu!
Well aren't
you pretty
high-minded...



He has hit
the mark on
its head.

...Still,

Royal Shichibukai:
Bartholomew Kuma
Former bounty:
296,000,000 Belly



But my business
has been going
so smoothly as
of late.

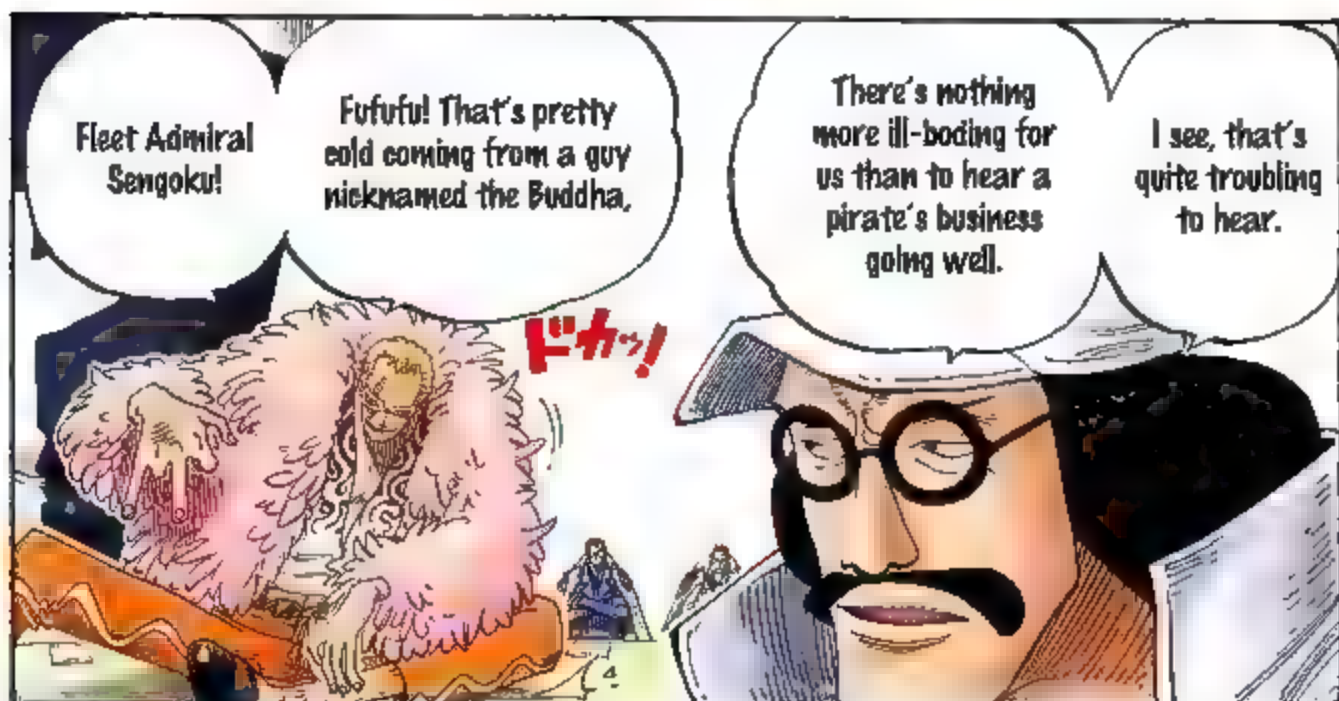
Sound judgment.
I wasn't planning
to come either.

Even having
2 out of 6 Shichibukai
show up was
more than I had
anticipated.

I doubt any
more will
show.

Let us begin
then. Even
if we wait
any longer.

I came here
out of
boredom.

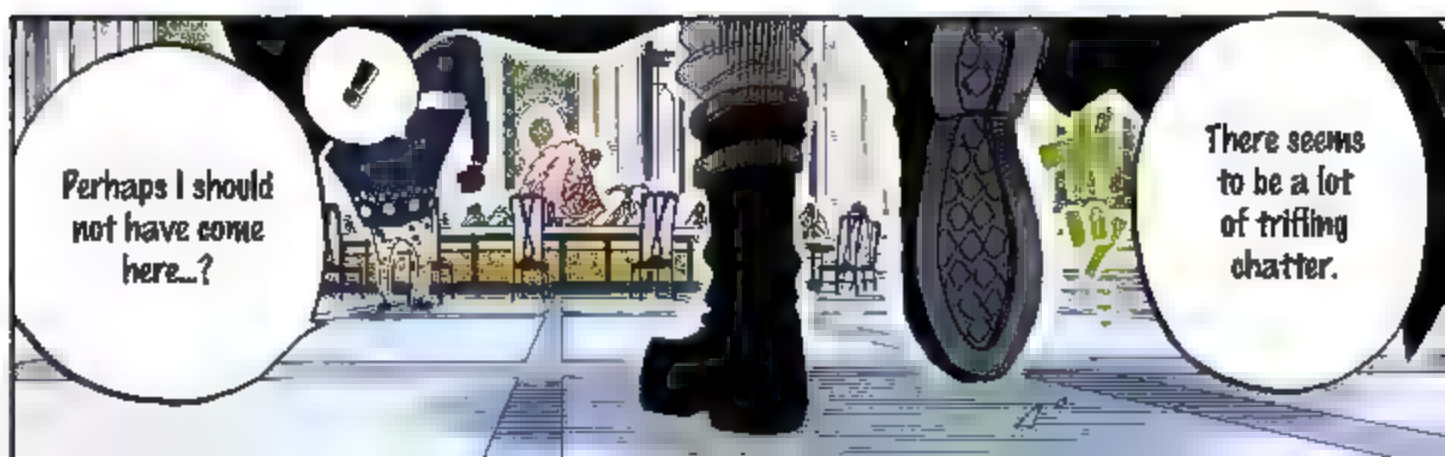


Fleet Admiral
Sengoku!

Fufufu! That's pretty
cold coming from a guy
nicknamed the Buddha.

There's nothing
more ill-boding for
us than to hear a
pirate's business
going well.

I see, that's
quite troubling
to hear.



Perhaps I should
not have come
here...?

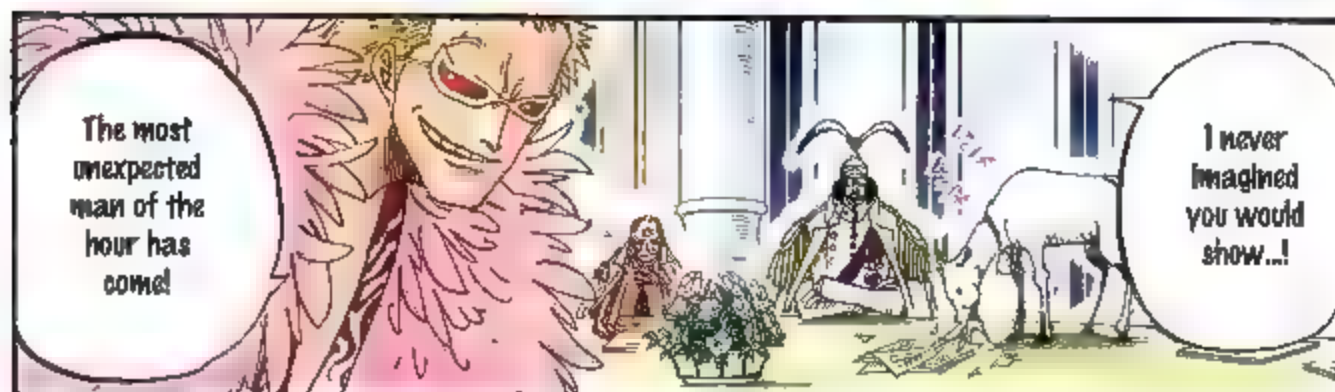
There seems
to be a lot
of trifling
chatter.



To call the marines and
Shieibukal together
to one table... Two
competing powers...

**HAWK-
EYES!**

I can hardly
expect this round
table yielding
any successful
discussion.



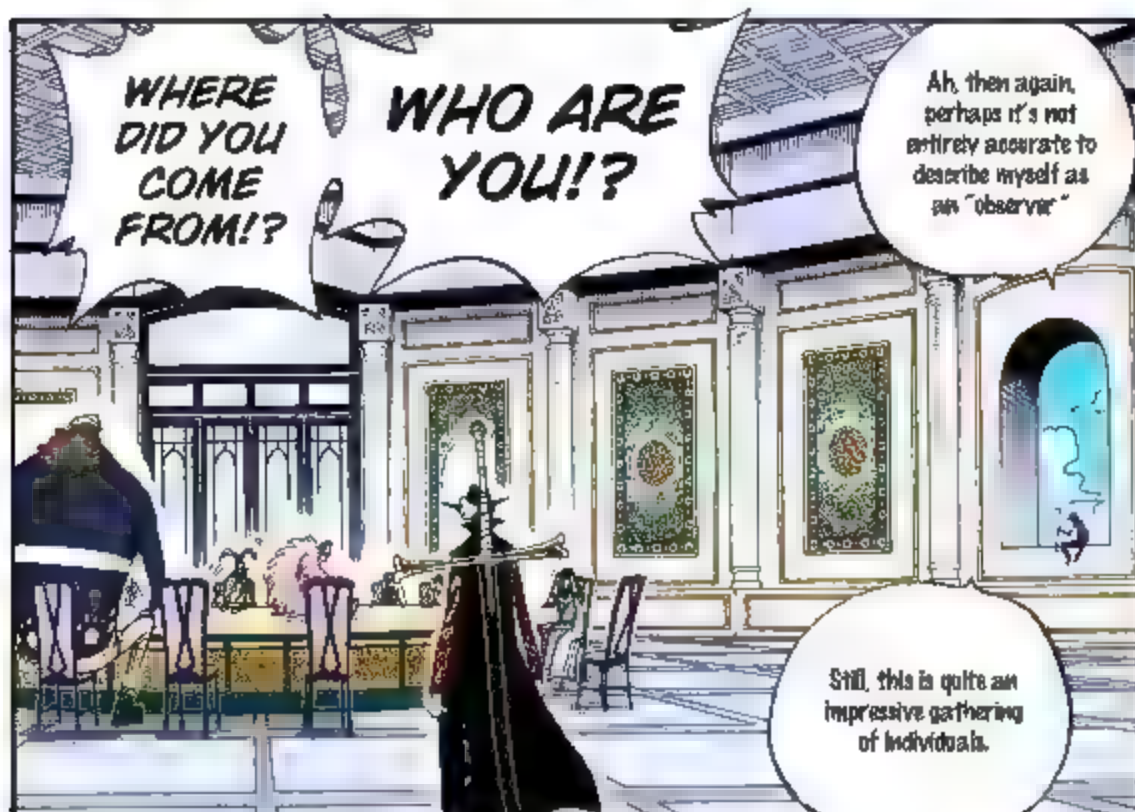
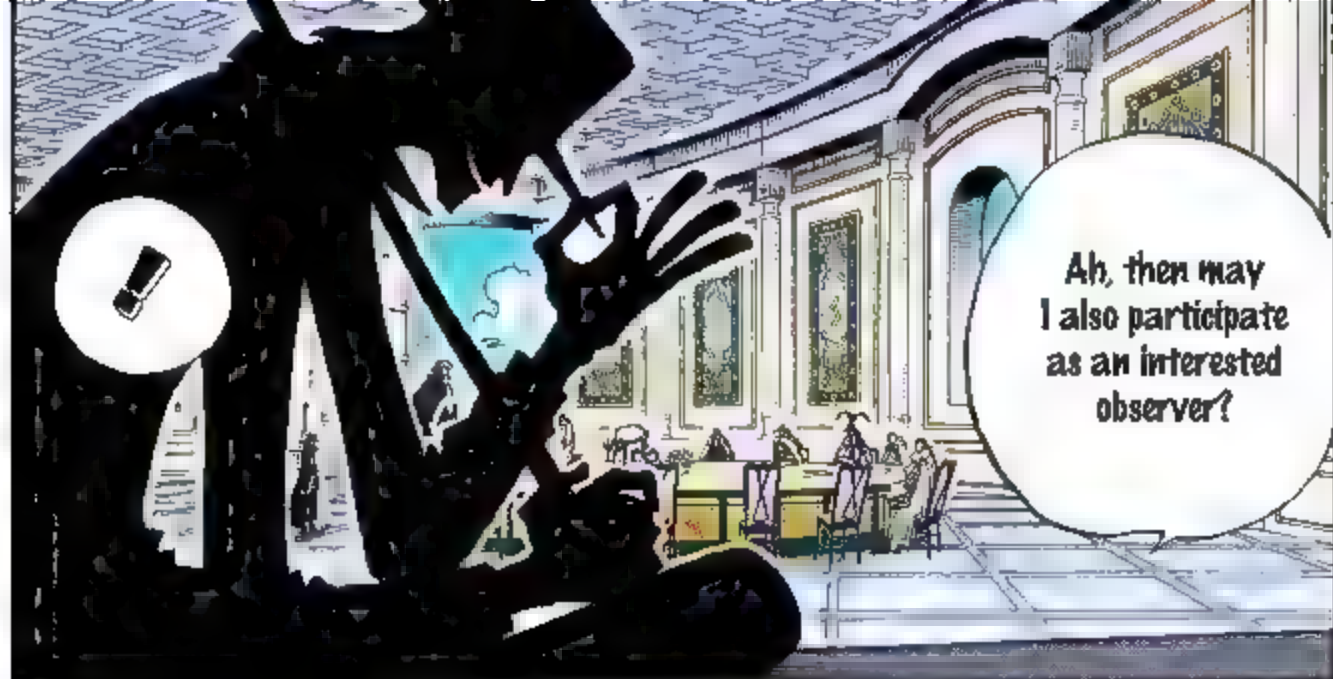
The most
unexpected
man of the
hour has
come!

I never
imagined
you would
show...!



I happen to be
interested in a few
of the pirates at
the center of
today's discussion...
That is all.

Hmph...
I'm merely
an interested
observer.





てん!

You must be looking for a replacement, are you not...?

That I may be allowed to participate.

Forgive my presumptuousness, but in light of Crocodile's title revokation,

You must be Lafitte, right?

An infamous shertff of West Blue who crossed an acceptable level of violence in his means.

I am most honoured.

Ah, you are aware of my name?

Who is he?

He's since been chased out of his country...

I have only come to nominate a certain man to the position of Shichibukai.

Hoho... All in the past, and of no concern in the current discussion.



That's a name
that takes
me back.

Shanks...

Grand Line



I see... Well,
good work on
the delivery.

So this is
his letter?

It's a very important
letter that I've been
tasked to deliver!



...WHA!?



Hey, you ever
heard of the
name
Rockstar?

Can't say
I have...



Still, I'd like to
think I made a
name for myself,

Hardly, I'm
still just a
new-recruit.

Back when
I was an
independent
pirate...

Red Hair Pirates
New Recruit:
Rockstar
Bounty: 94,000,000 Belly

Since when did that brat get so cheeky in treating his elders...?

Passing off a mere letter to me...?



W-WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE-

Don't be absurd! I'm only drinking what my body demands,

Captain, you should make that your last drink today...

So how could it wreck my health?



AND I'M WHITEBEARD.

DO YOU... HAVE ANY IDEA WHO MY CAP'N IS!? HE'S THE RED-HAIR, Y'KNOW! HAVE YOU LOST IT?

T-THE CAP'N SAID THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT LETTER!

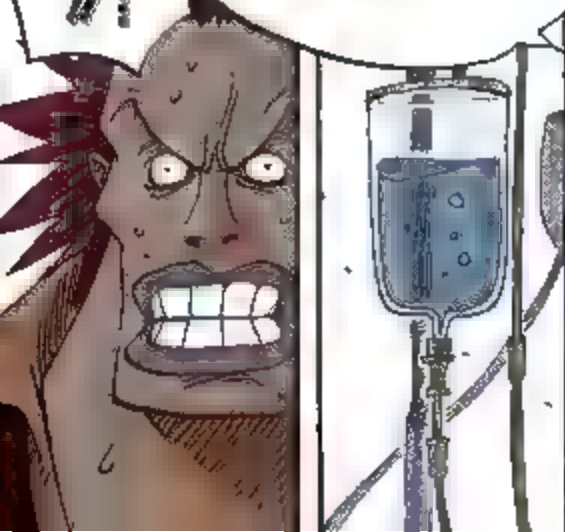


IF YOU WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING, THEN YOU BETTER COME IN PERSON WITH SOME GOOD BOOZE TOO, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT...

Tell that red-haired punk this:

I can already assume the gist of his letter... It's most likely about Ace and Blackbeard...

HE TOLD ME THIS LETTER HAD TO BE DELIVERED ASAP!

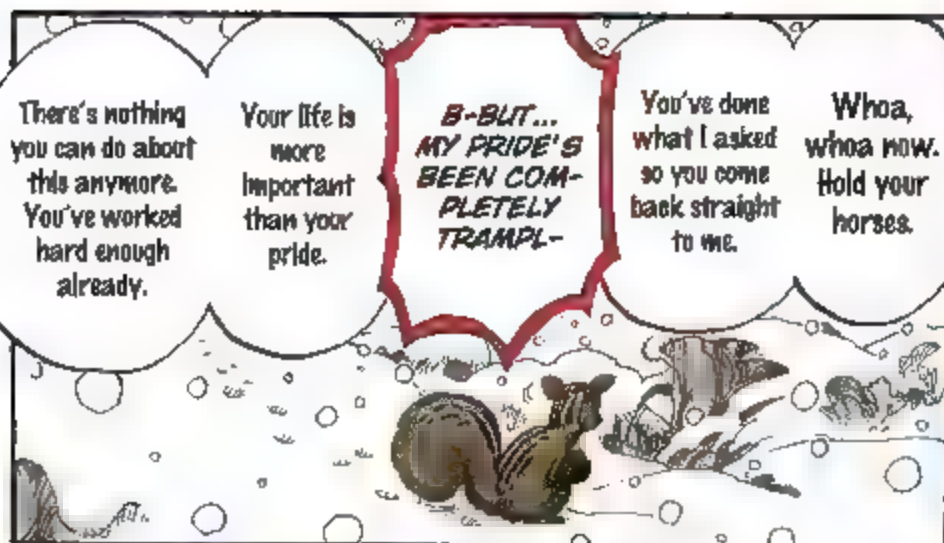
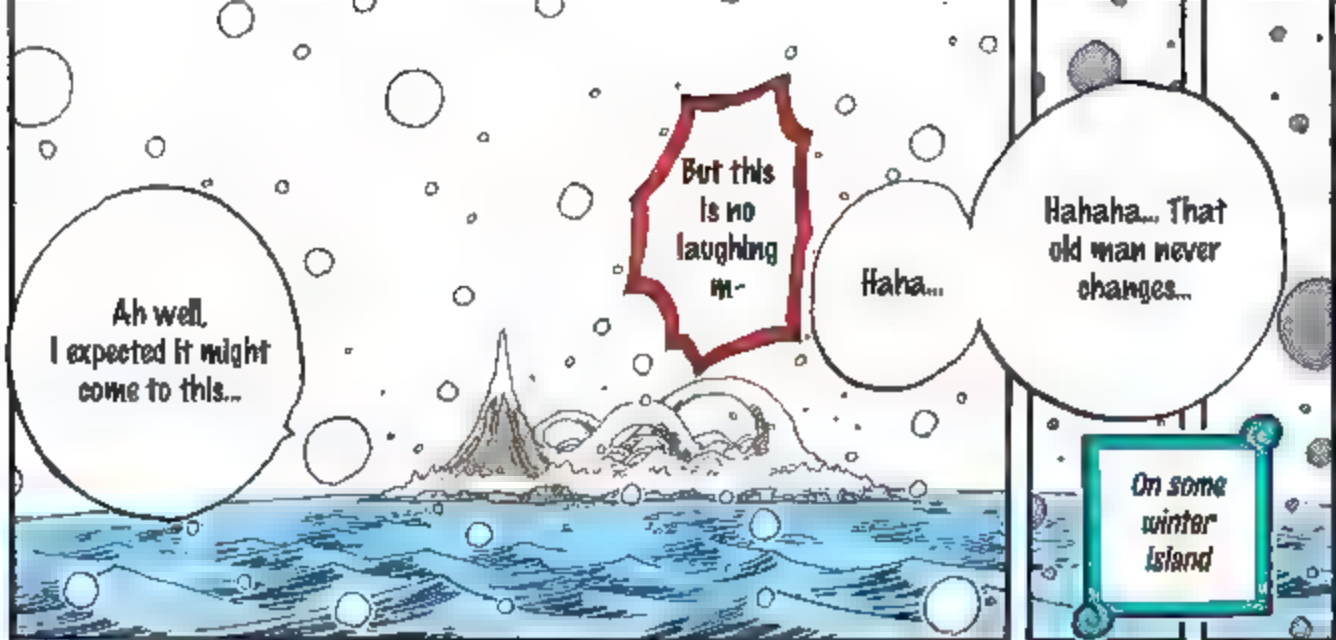


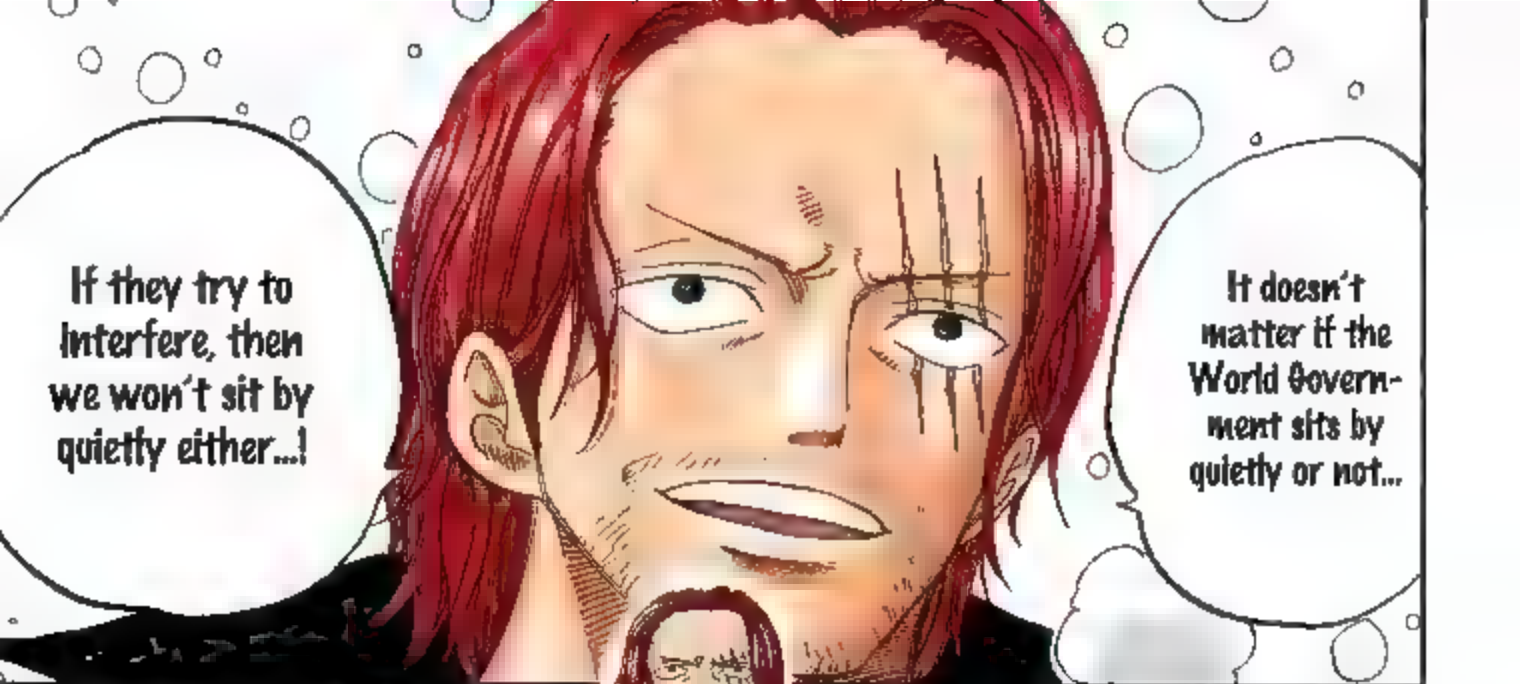


I DON'T HAVE THE
TIME TO TALK TO
SOME SHOT-NOSED
BRAT.

IF YOU GOT
THAT, THEN
SCRAM.

Strongest man in the world
The Great Pirate:
"Whitebeard"
Edward Newgate





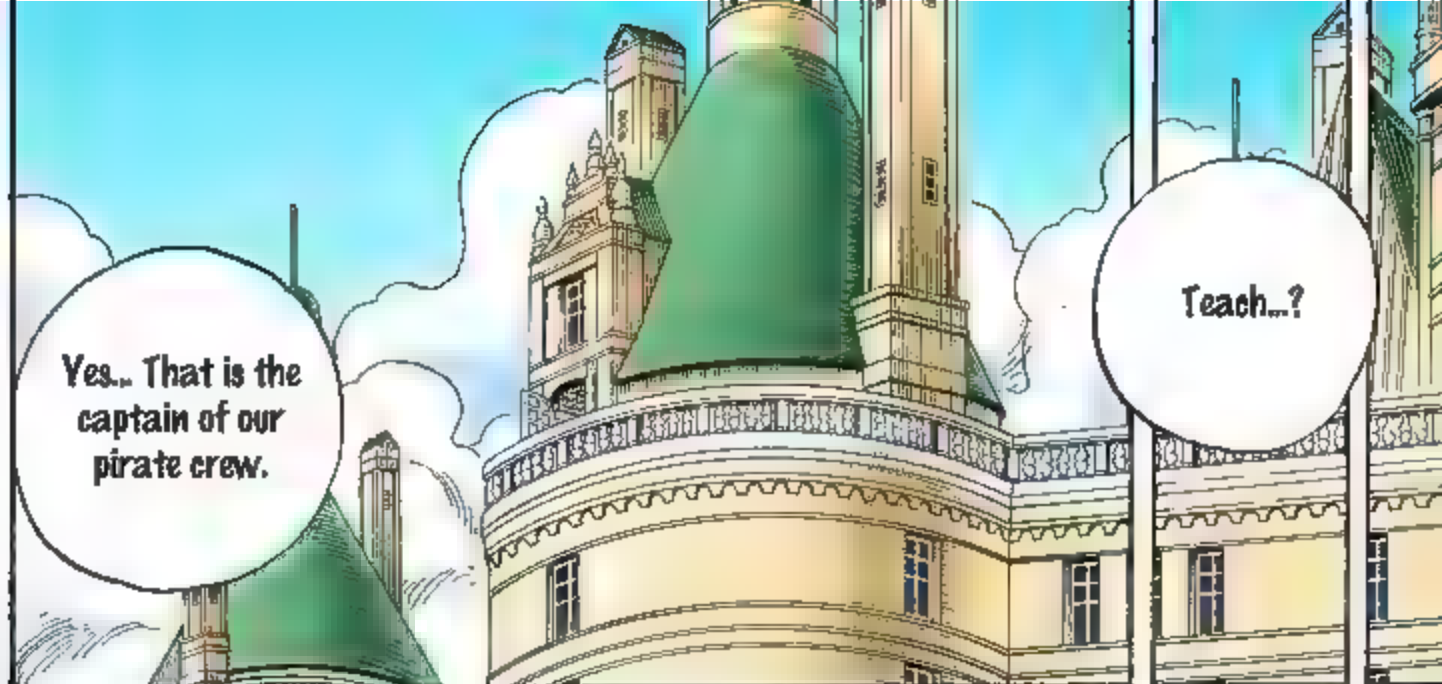
If they try to
interfere, then
we won't sit by
quietly either...!

It doesn't
matter if the
World Govern-
ment sits by
quietly or not...



GET A
BOTTLE OF
SOMETHING
GOOD
READY!

WOOHOO!
PREPARE FOR
BATTLE,
SCALLYWAGS!



Yes.. That is the captain of our pirate crew.

Teach...?



That is why we are setting up a plan to correct that flaw of his, so I ask for a little more time.

Never heard of him before. Appointing an unknown person to Shichibukai is hardly going to make any pirate tremble.

Fufufu! Now that sounds interesting! I say give'em a chance, Sengoku!

Yes, I understand completely.



Please keep that in mind.

**THE
BLACKBEARD
PIRATES.**

As for the name of our pirate crew, we are...



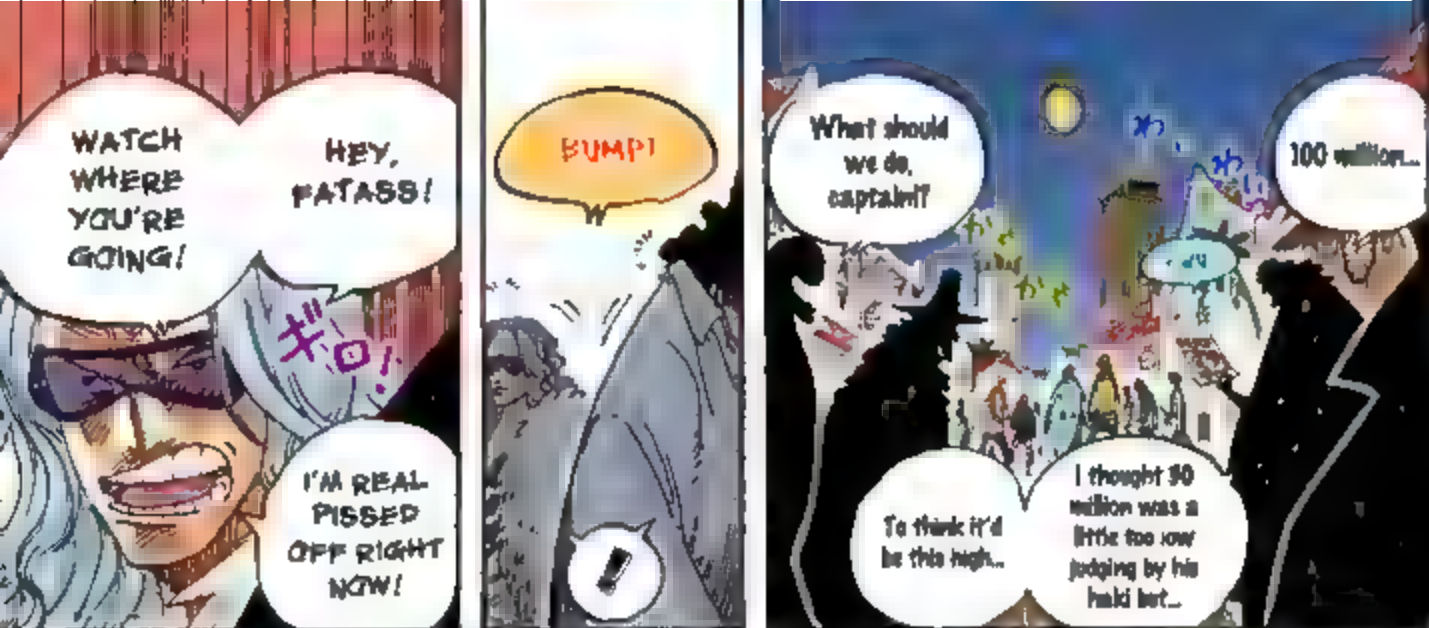
**BELLAMY
GOT
TOTALLY
TRASHED!**

**BY
WHO?**

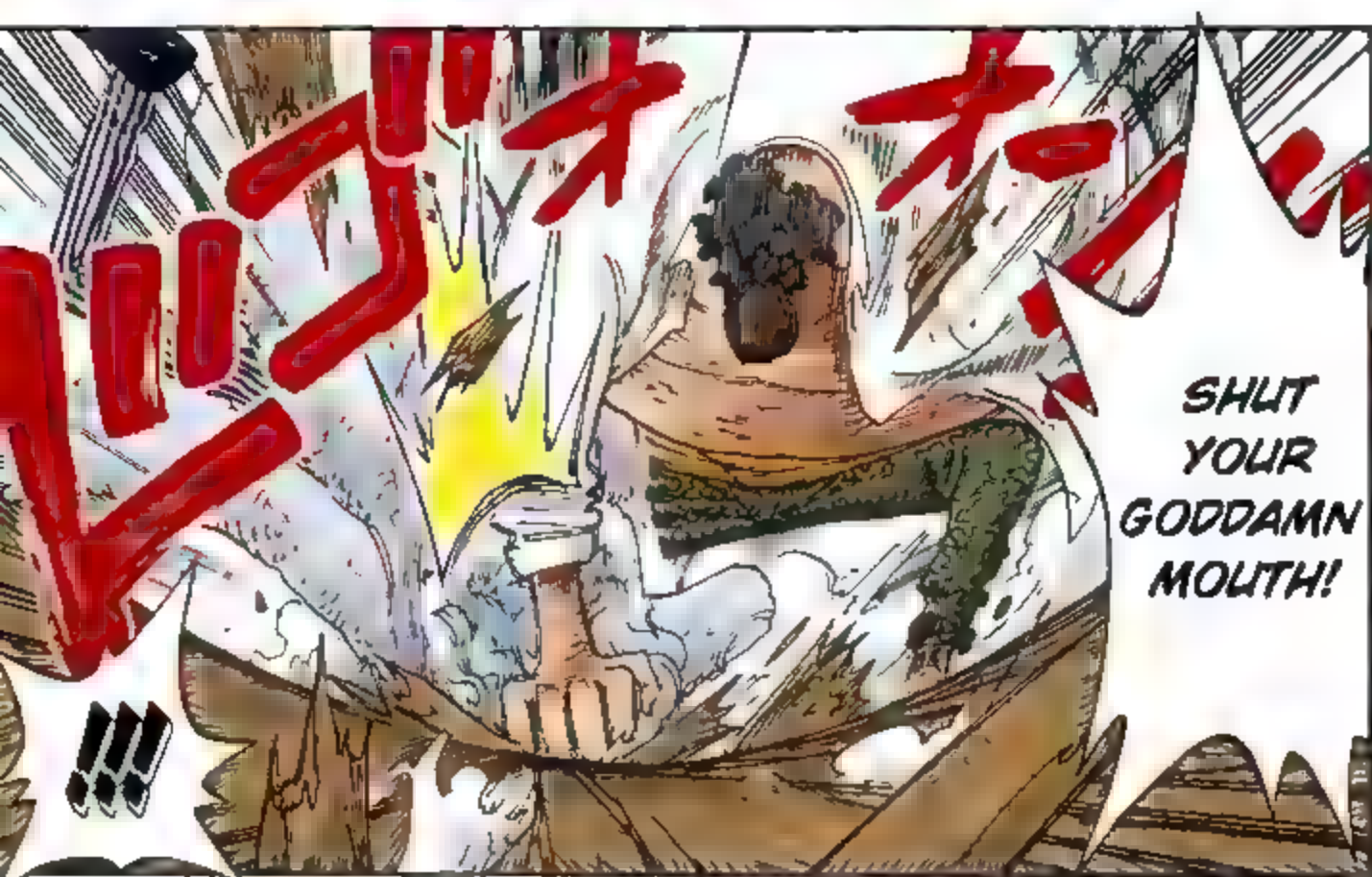
**HEY, DID
YA HEAR?**



**Mocktown,
Jaya**



"Huck Literally 'Ambition'"



I'VE GOT
NO
INTEREST
IN SMALL
FRIES!



ZEHAHA
HAHAHA!

Not speaking like your
usual self, Augur! If we
fail to meet up with him
here, then that too is
another act of fate,
ain't it?

Captain, did we
not plan to meet
up with Lafitte
in this town?

AHAHAHA!
FINALLY TIME
TO HUNT
SOME PREY,
EH!?

EXACTLY...
FATE IS WHAT
MEASURES A
MAN'S WORTH
AT ALL
MOMENTS...
COUGH!

UGHH...

Blackbeard Pirates
Doctor:
"Grim Reaper"
Doc Q

Blackbeard Pirates
Captain:
"Blackbeard"
Marshall D. Teach

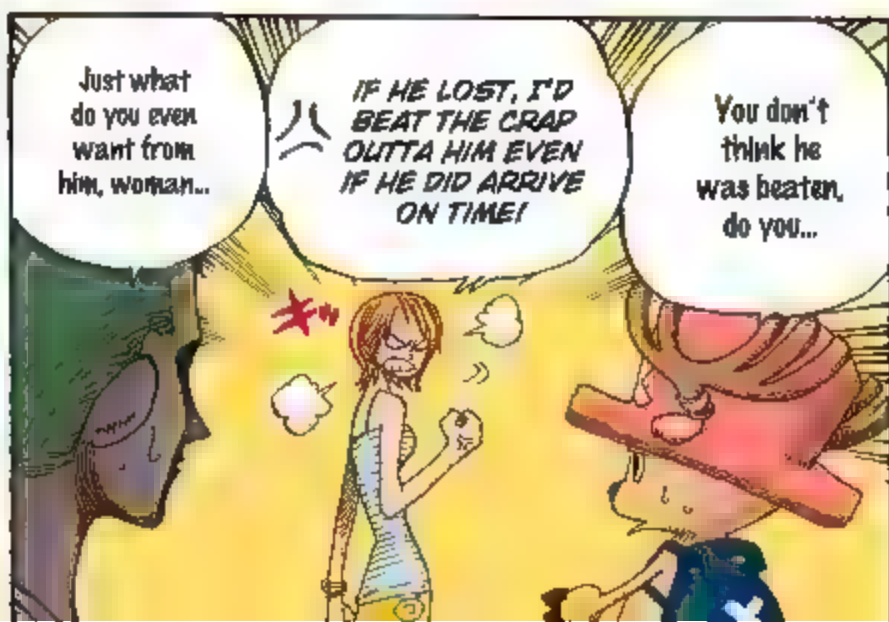
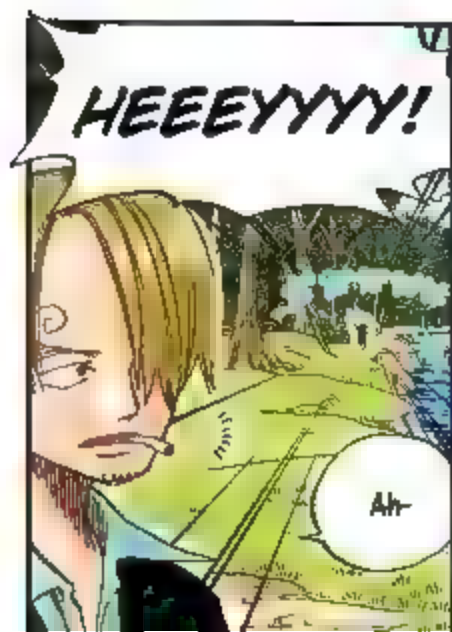
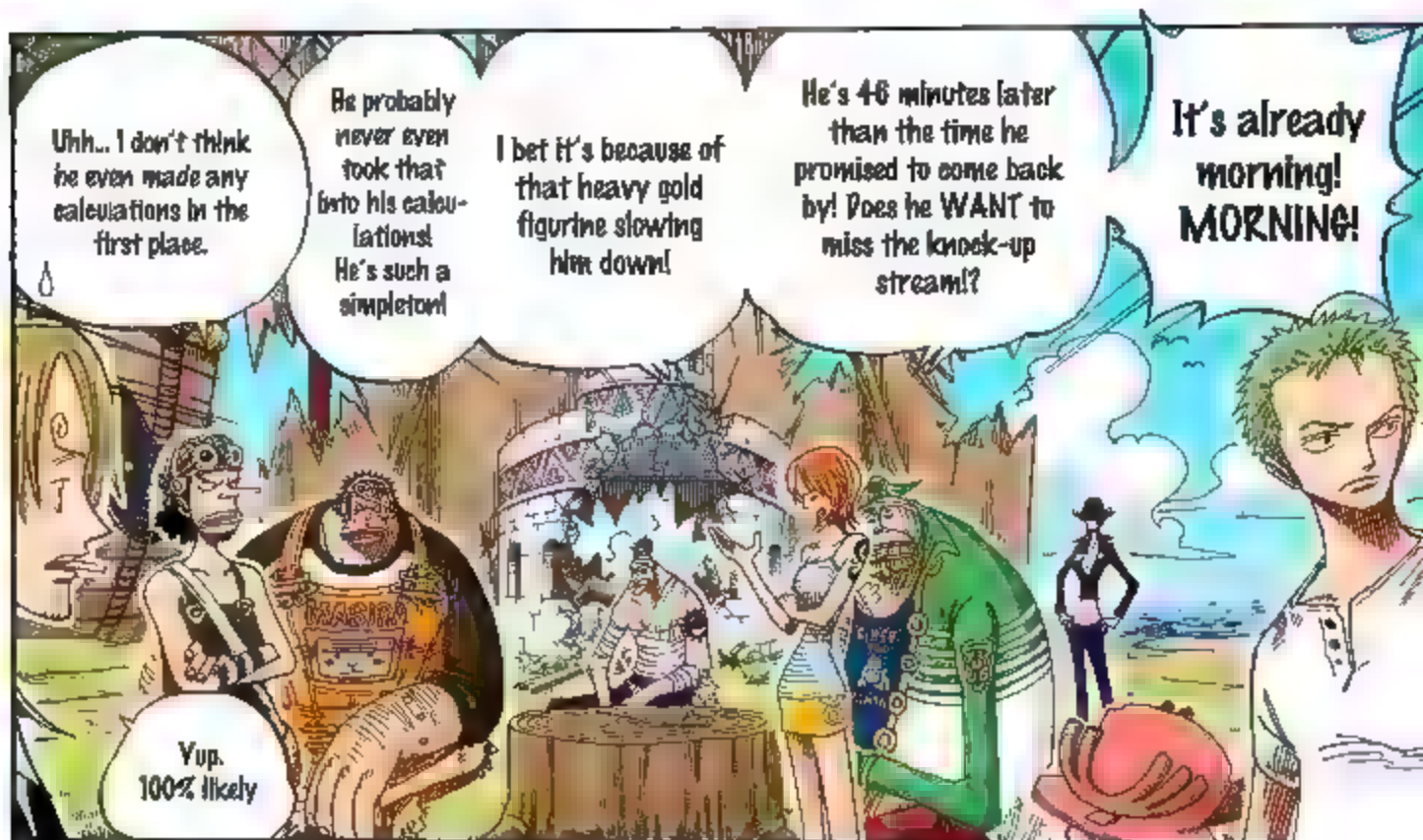
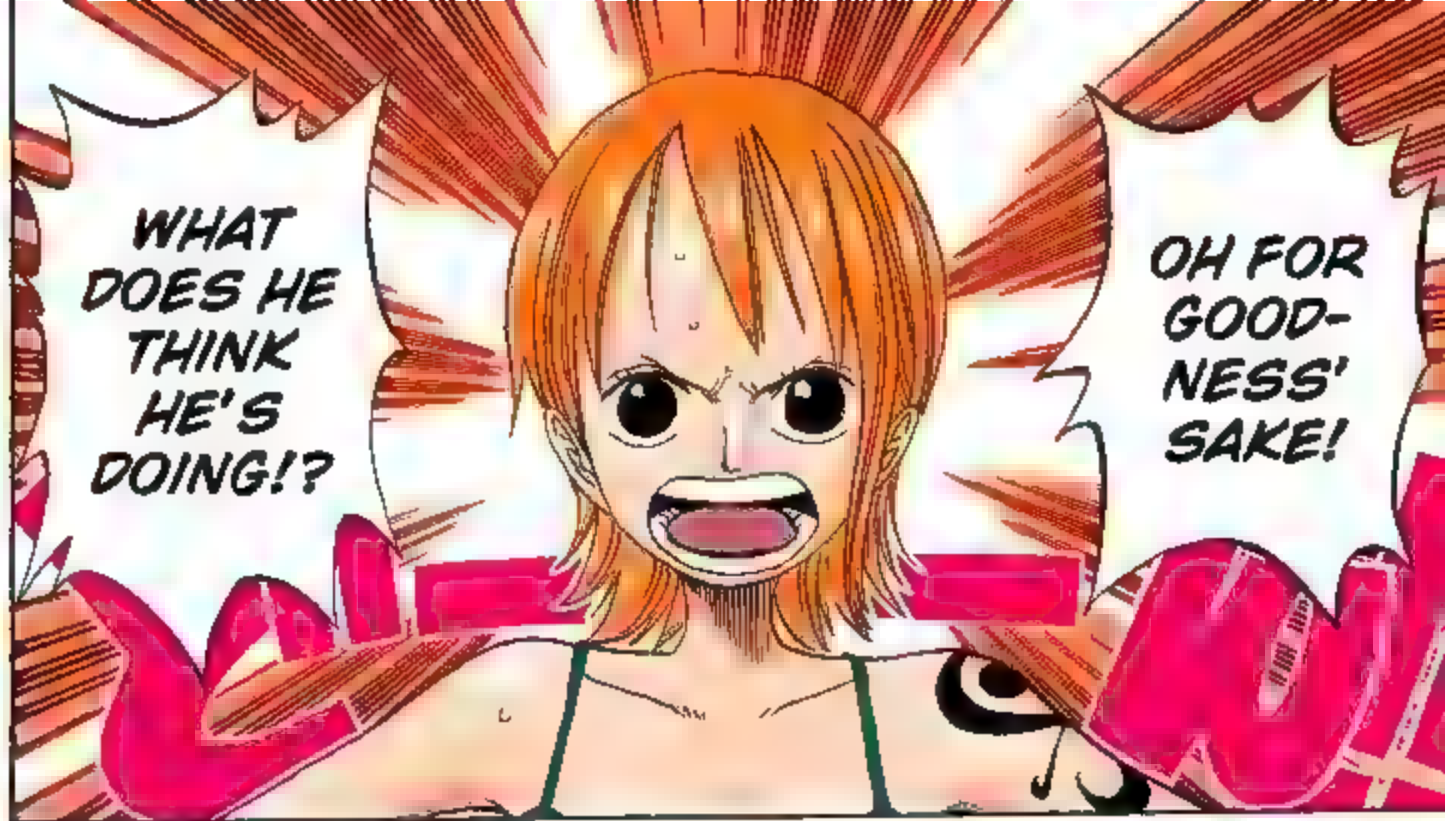
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"The Supersonic"
Van Augur

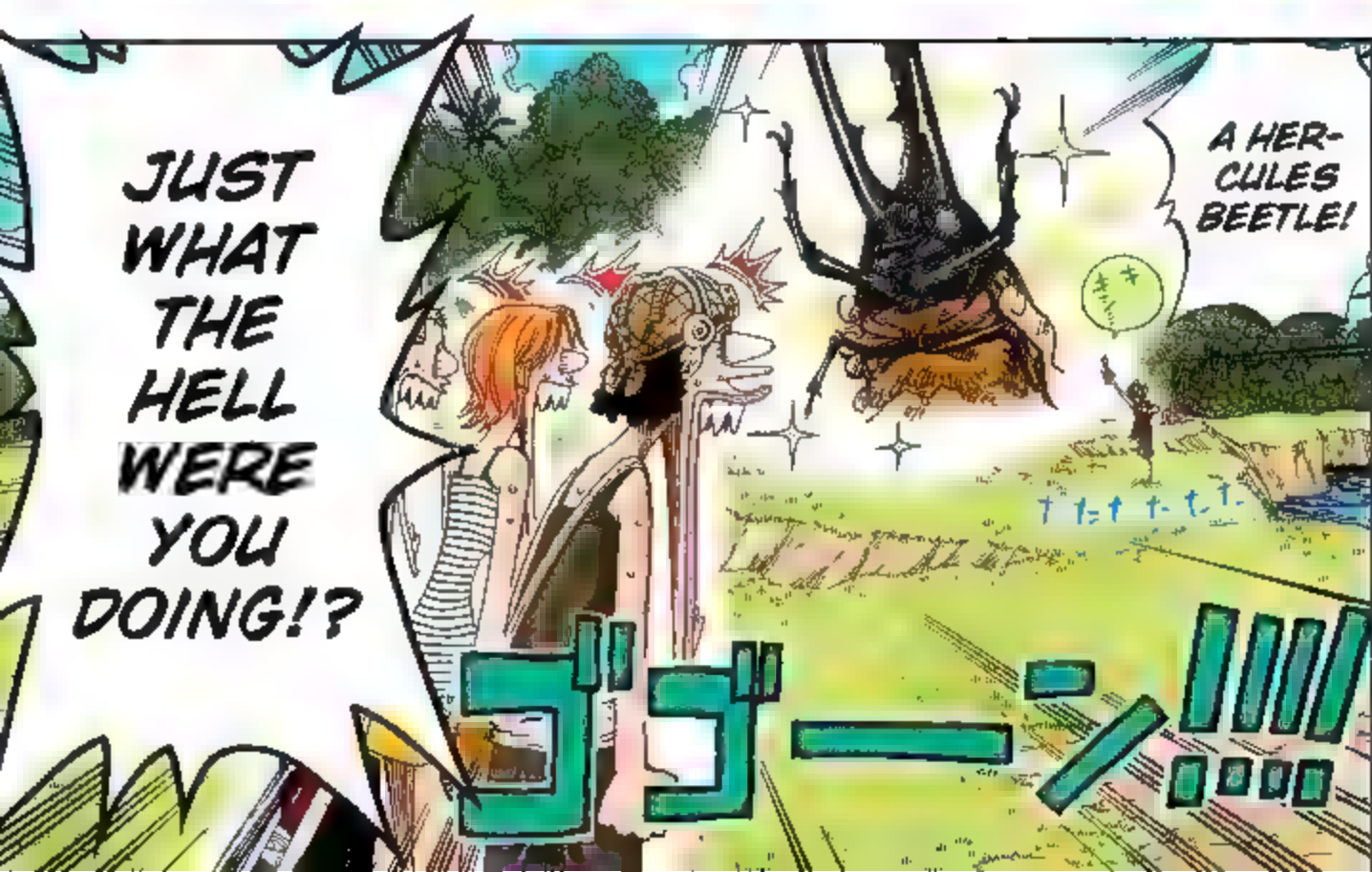
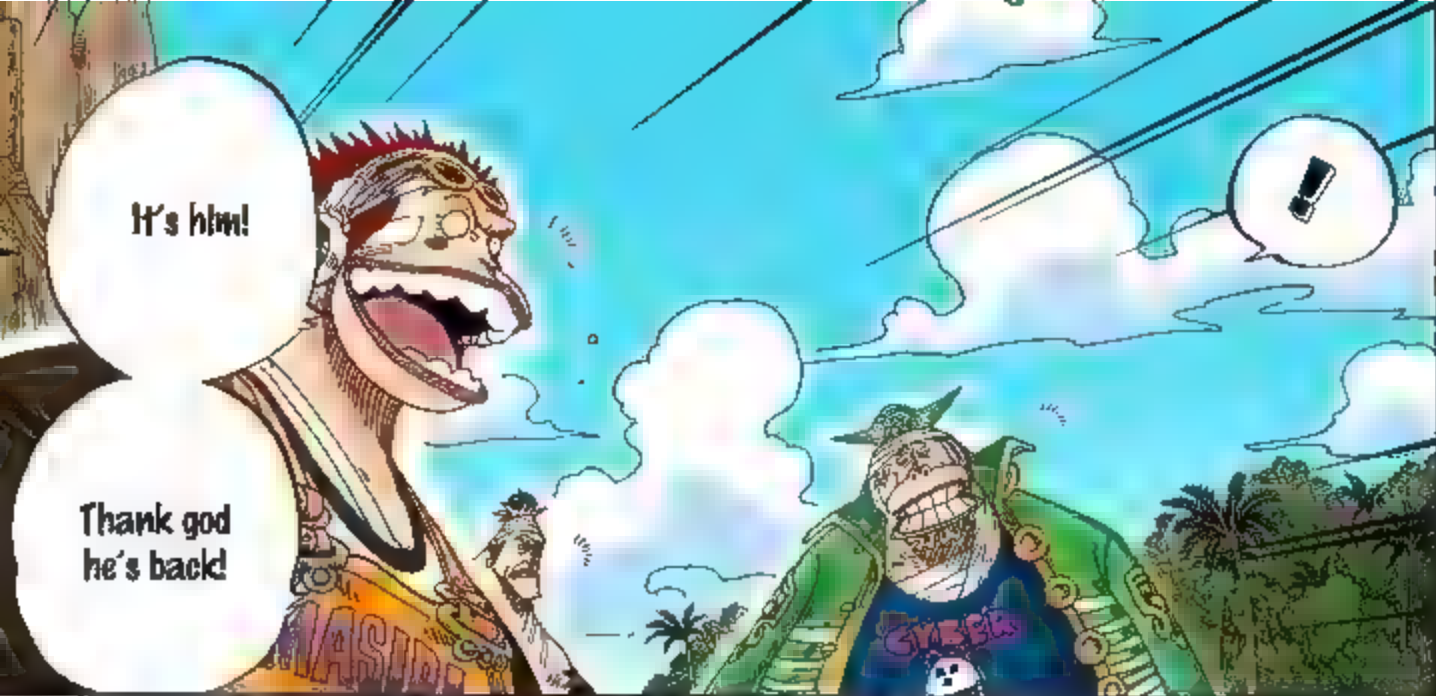
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Knock Up Stream



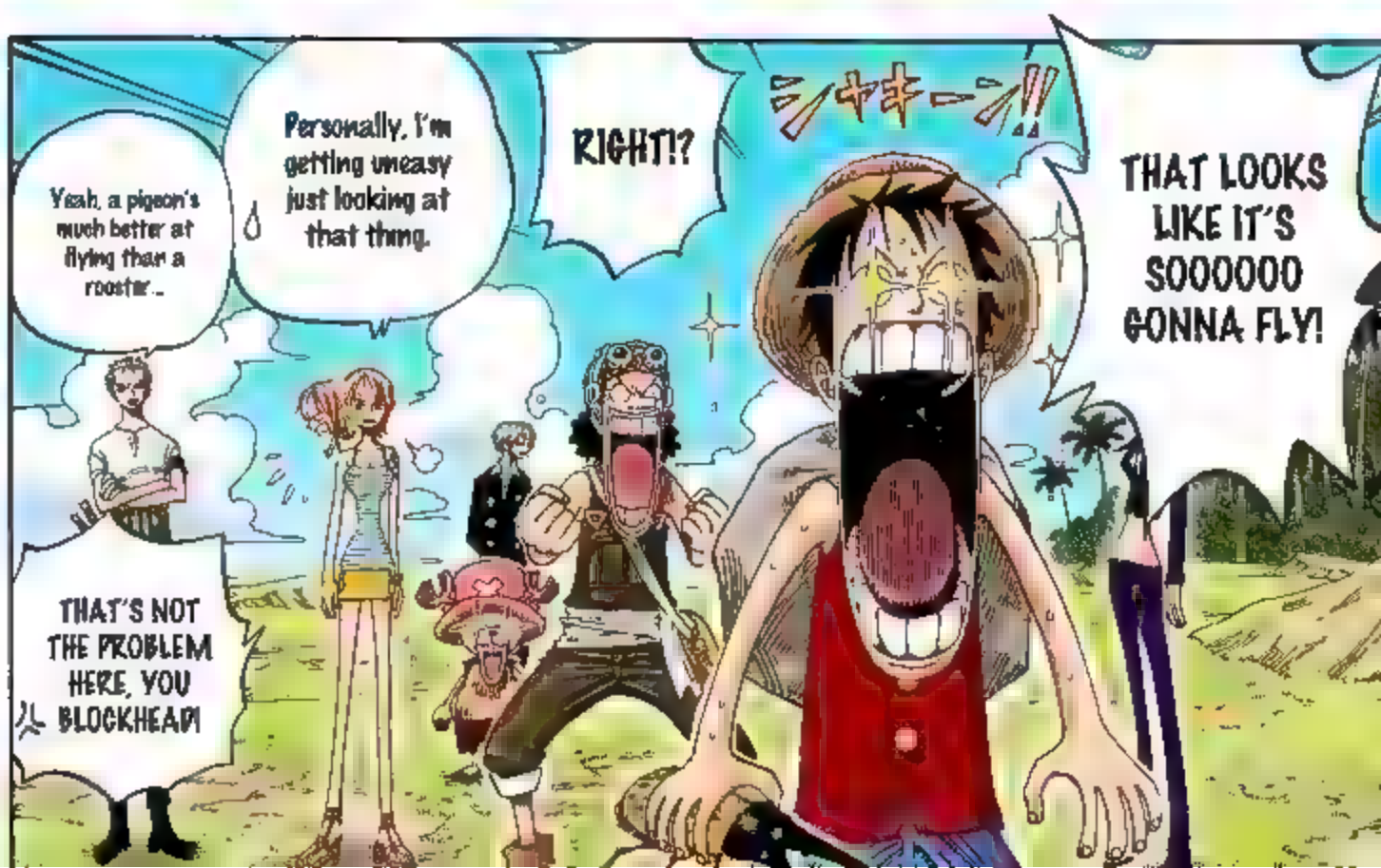






IT'S
GOING
MERRY'S
"FLYING
MODEL!"

WHOOA!
IT'S
AWESOME!



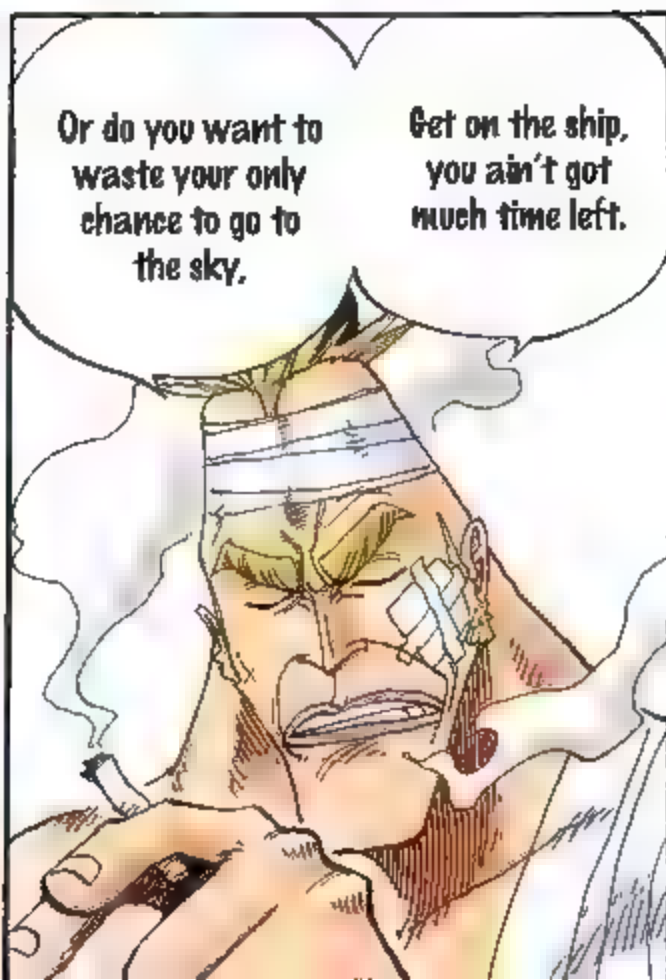
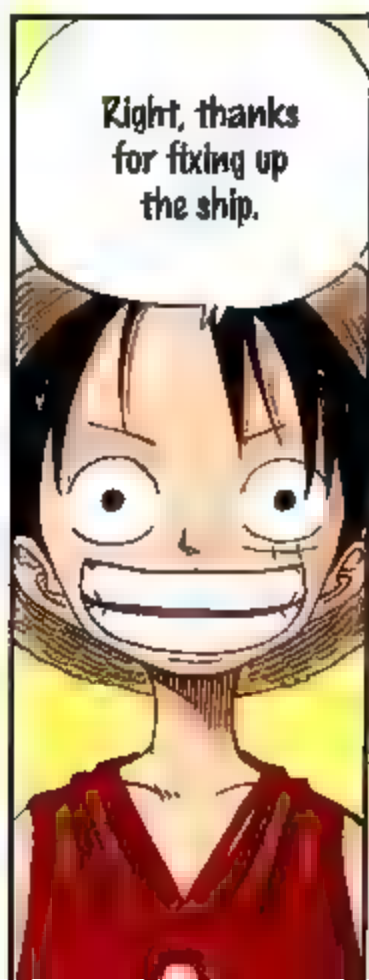
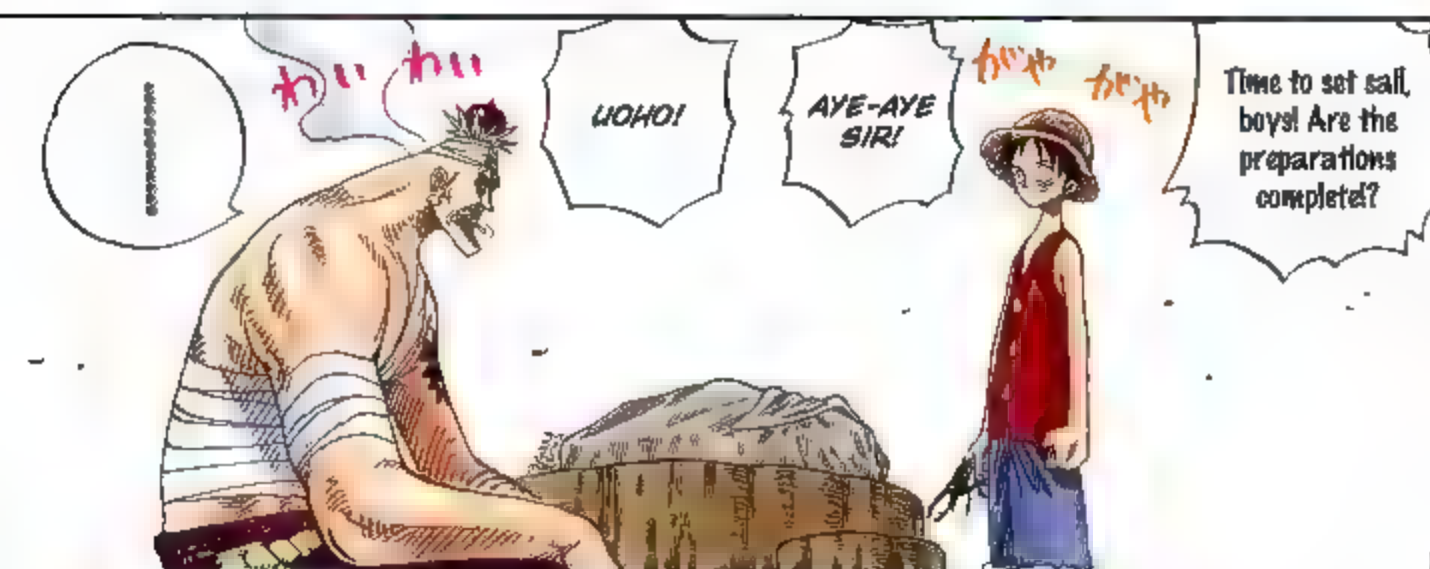
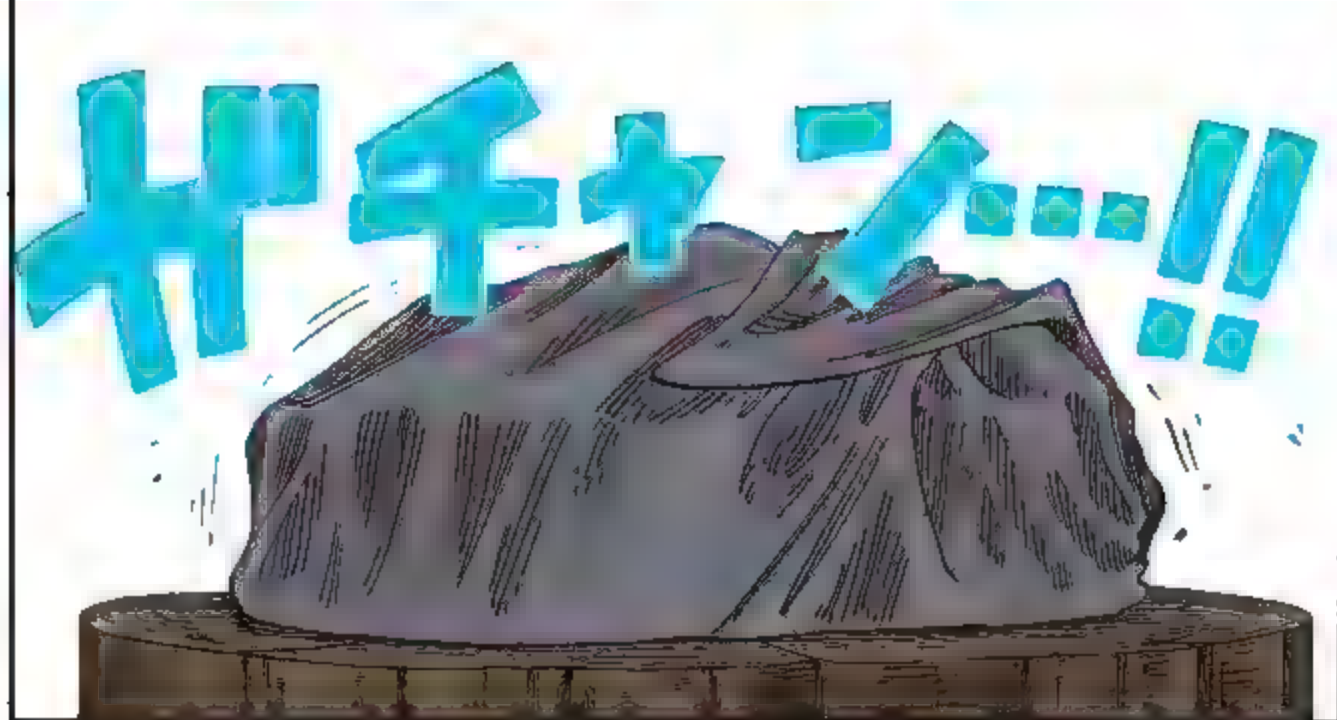
Yeah, a pigeon's
much better at
flying than a
rooster...

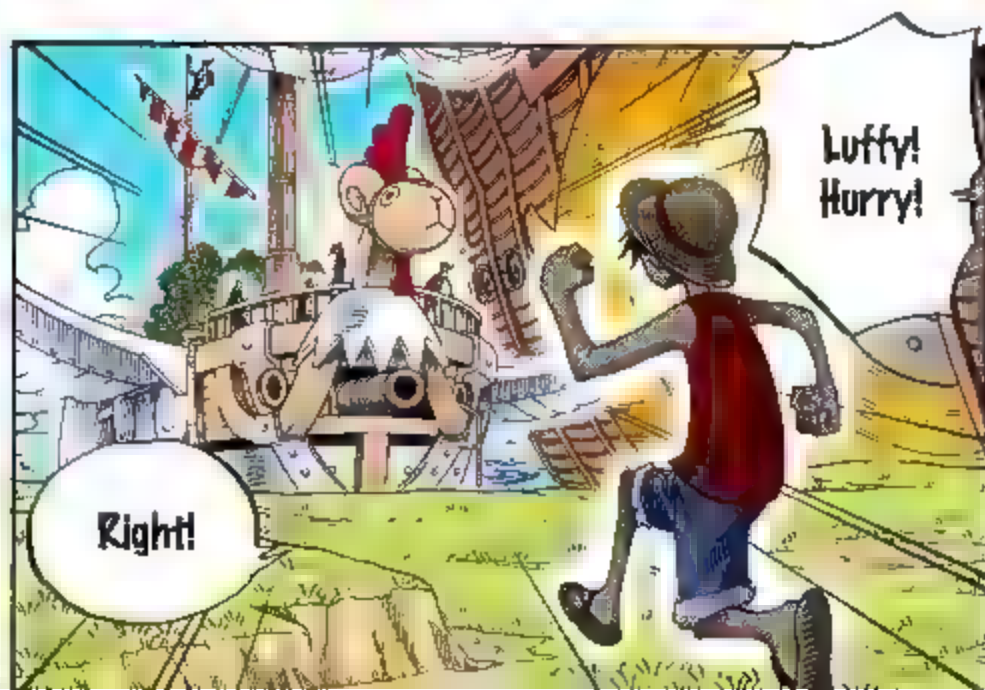
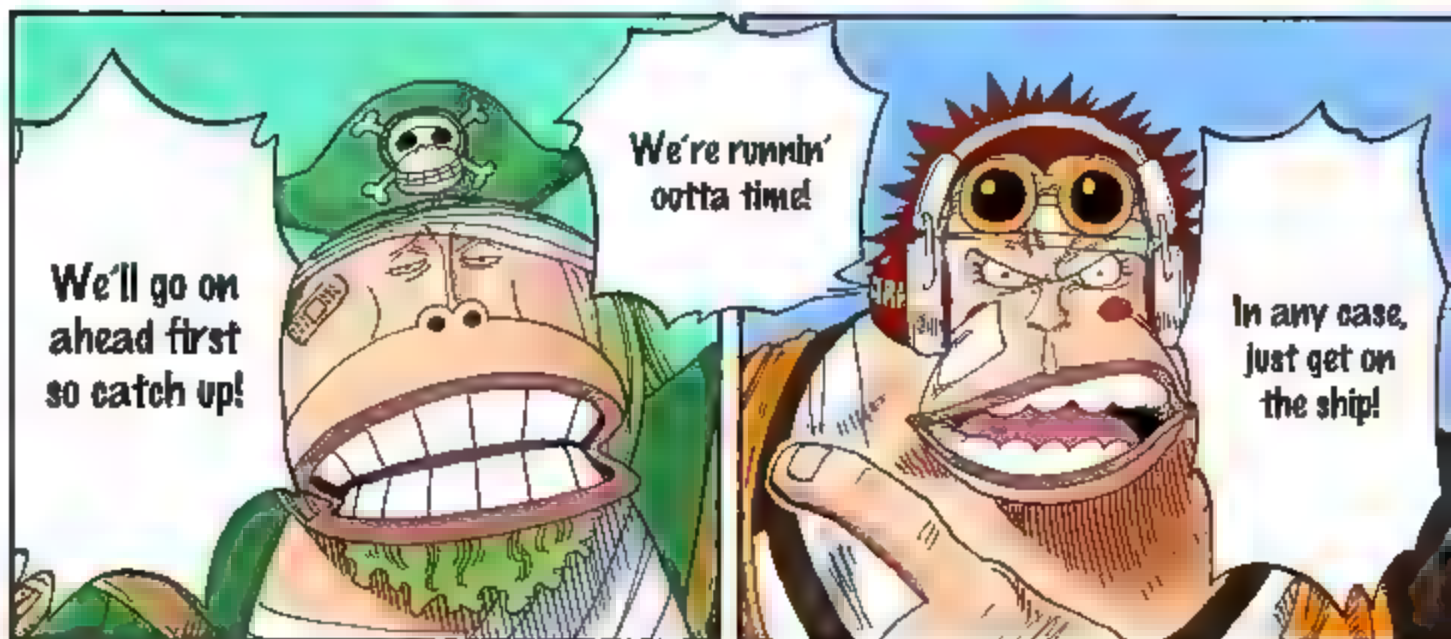
Personally, I'm
getting uneasy
just looking at
that thing.

RIGHT!?

THAT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
SOOOOOO
GONNA FLY!

THAT'S NOT
THE PROBLEM
HERE, YOU
BLOCKHEAD!

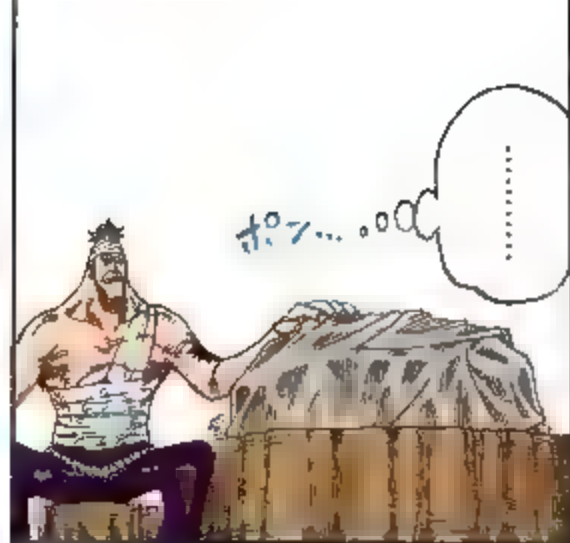






THE CITY OF
GOLD IS JUST
ANOTHER ONE
OF NAMI'S
FANTASIES

HABA
HABA!

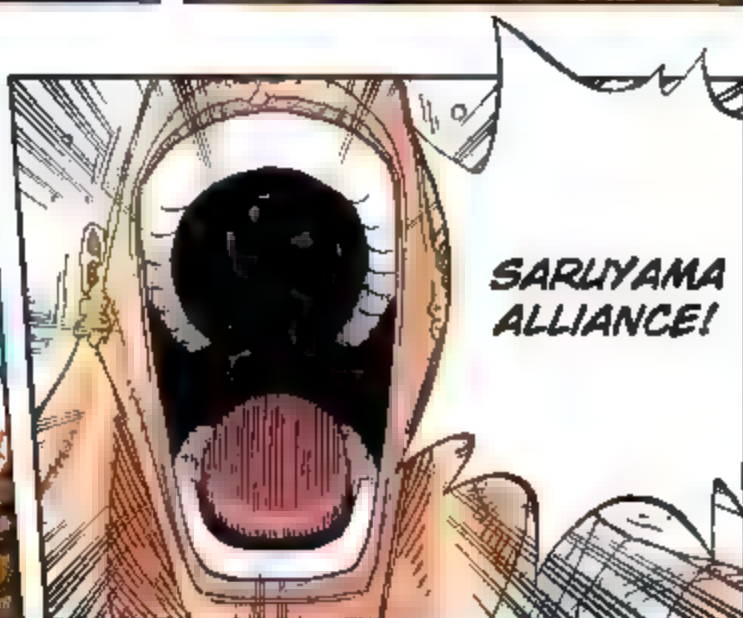


ハッ... (Ha...)

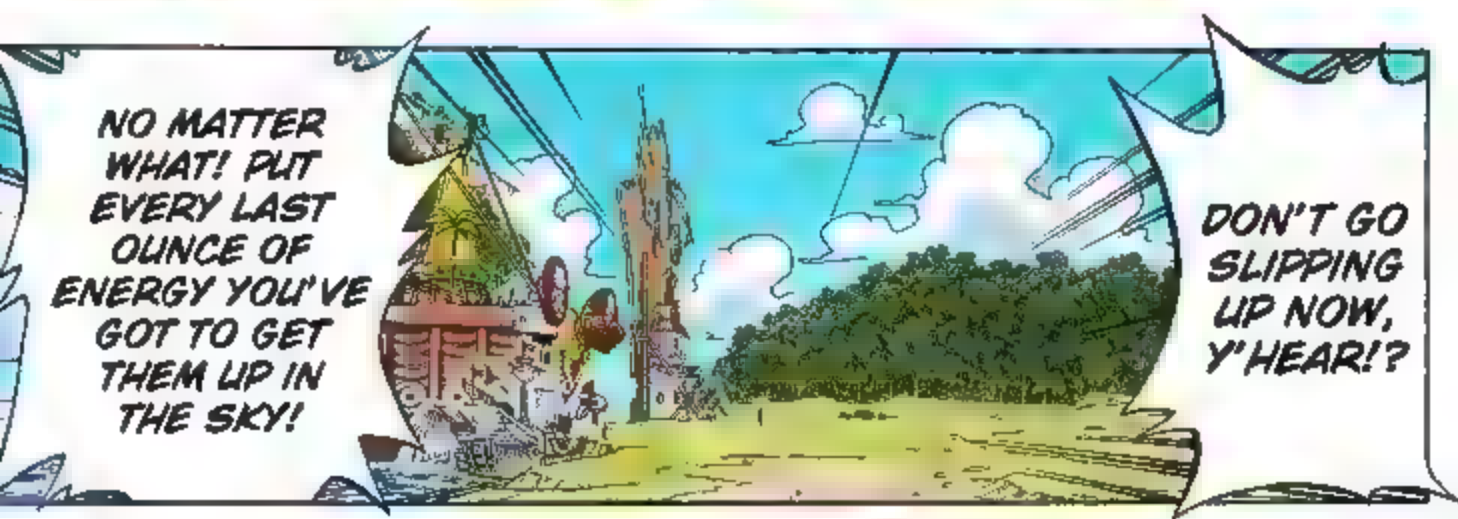


AYE-AYE
SIR!

UHOHO!

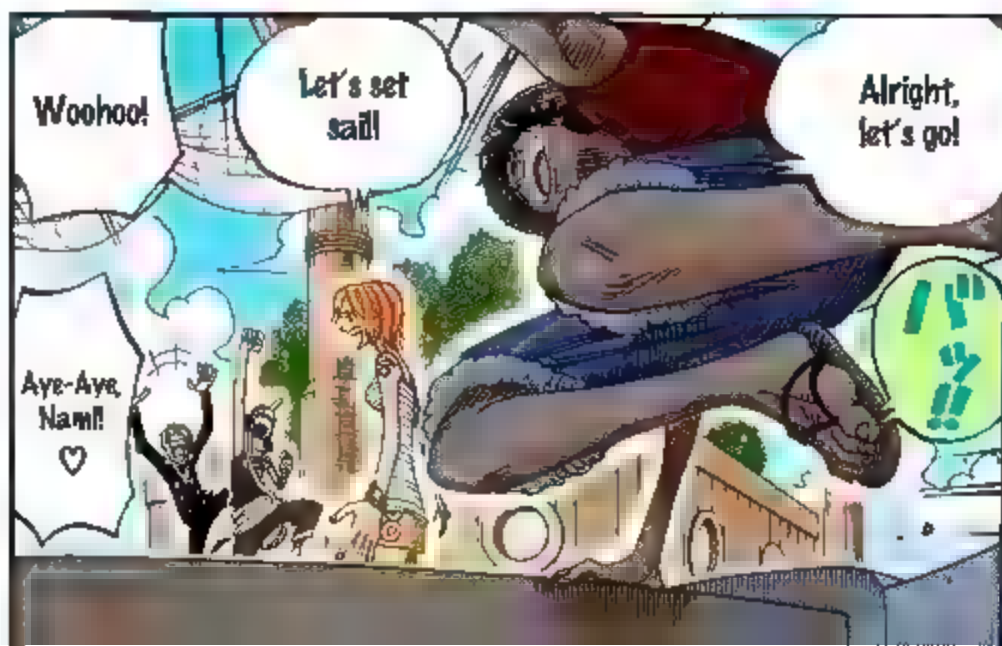


SARUYAMA
ALLIANCE!



NO MATTER
WHAT! PUT
EVERY LAST
OUNCE OF
ENERGY YOU'VE
GOT TO GET
THEM UP IN
THE SKY!

DON'T GO
SLIPPING
UP NOW,
Y'HEAR!?



Woohoo!

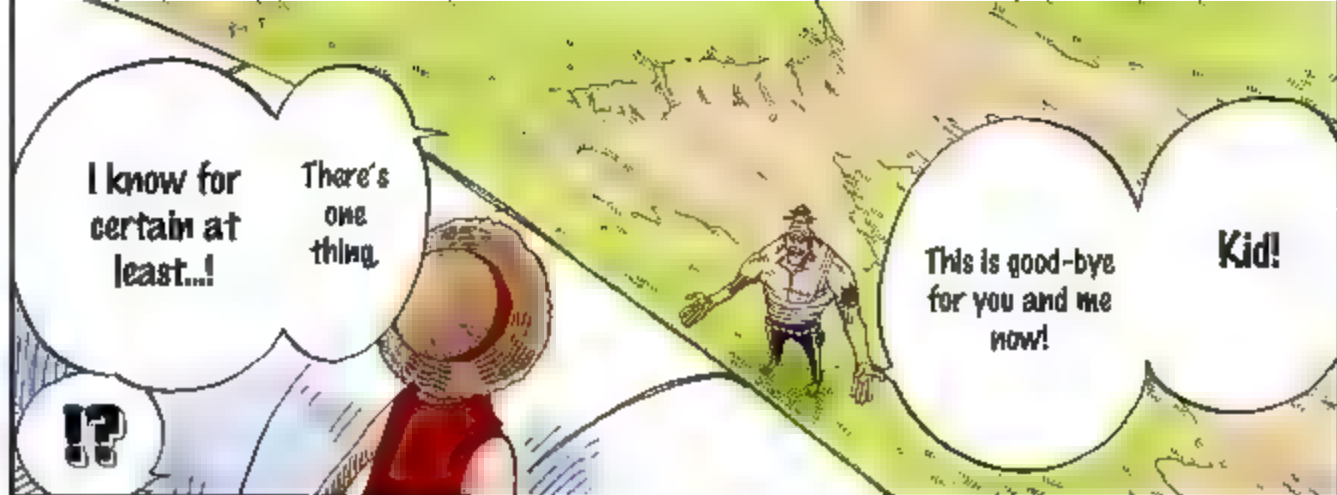
Let's set
sail!

Alright,
let's go!

Aye-Aye,
Nami!

ハッ!! (Ha!!)





I know for
certain at
least...!

There's
one
thing.

This is good-bye
for you and me
now!

Kid!

!?



Sure, people might
laugh, calling it an
absurd fantasy.

Yup!

But so
what!?



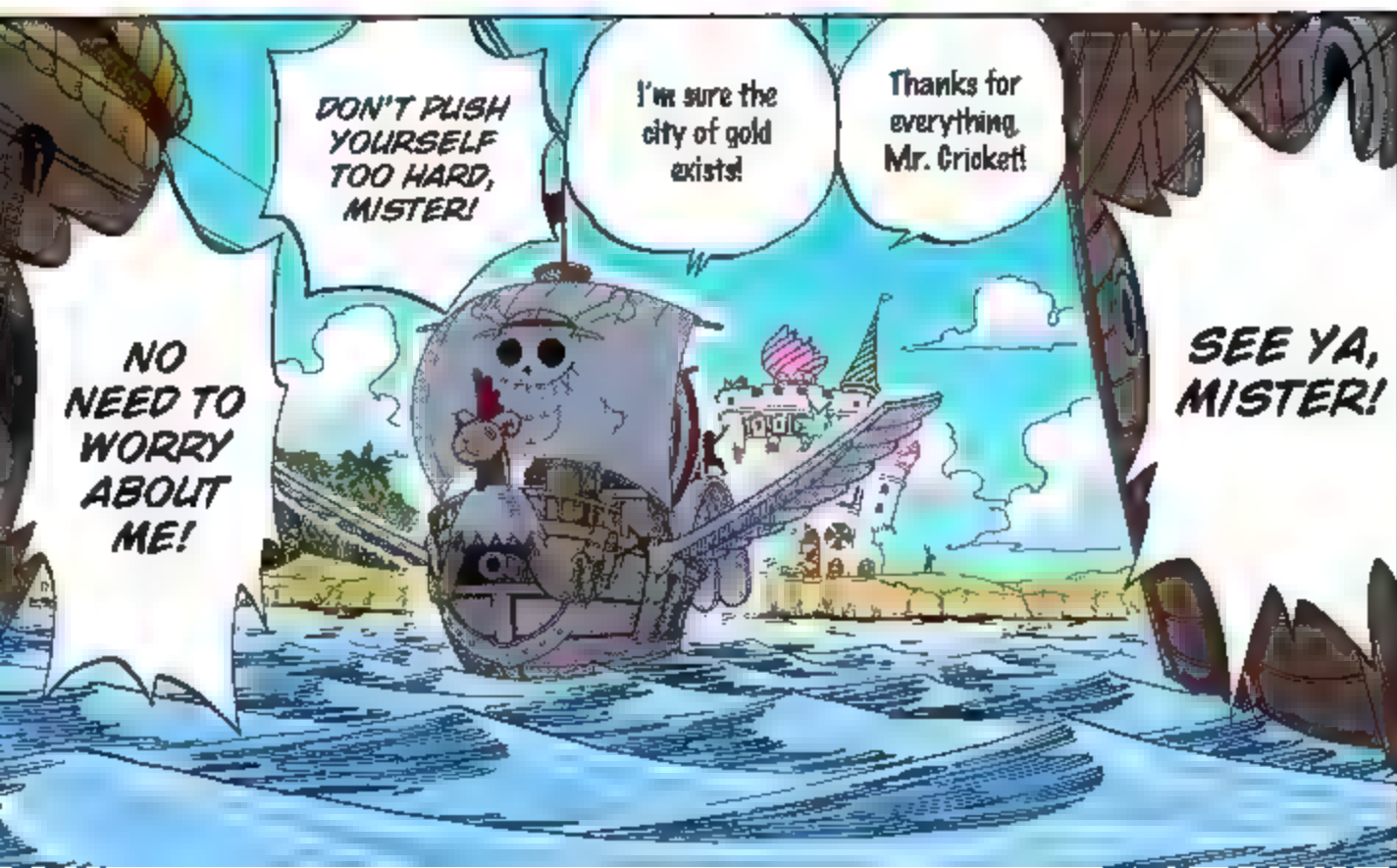
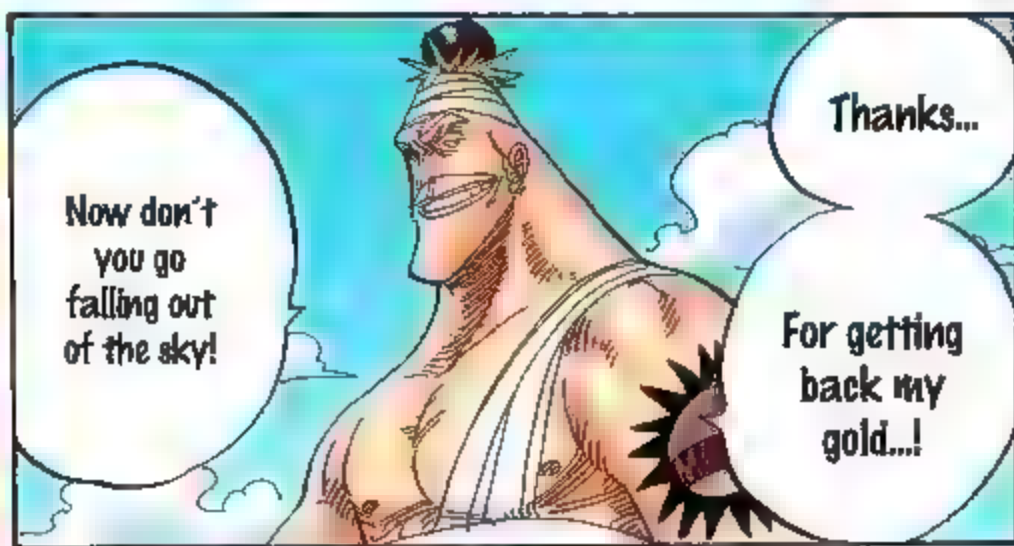
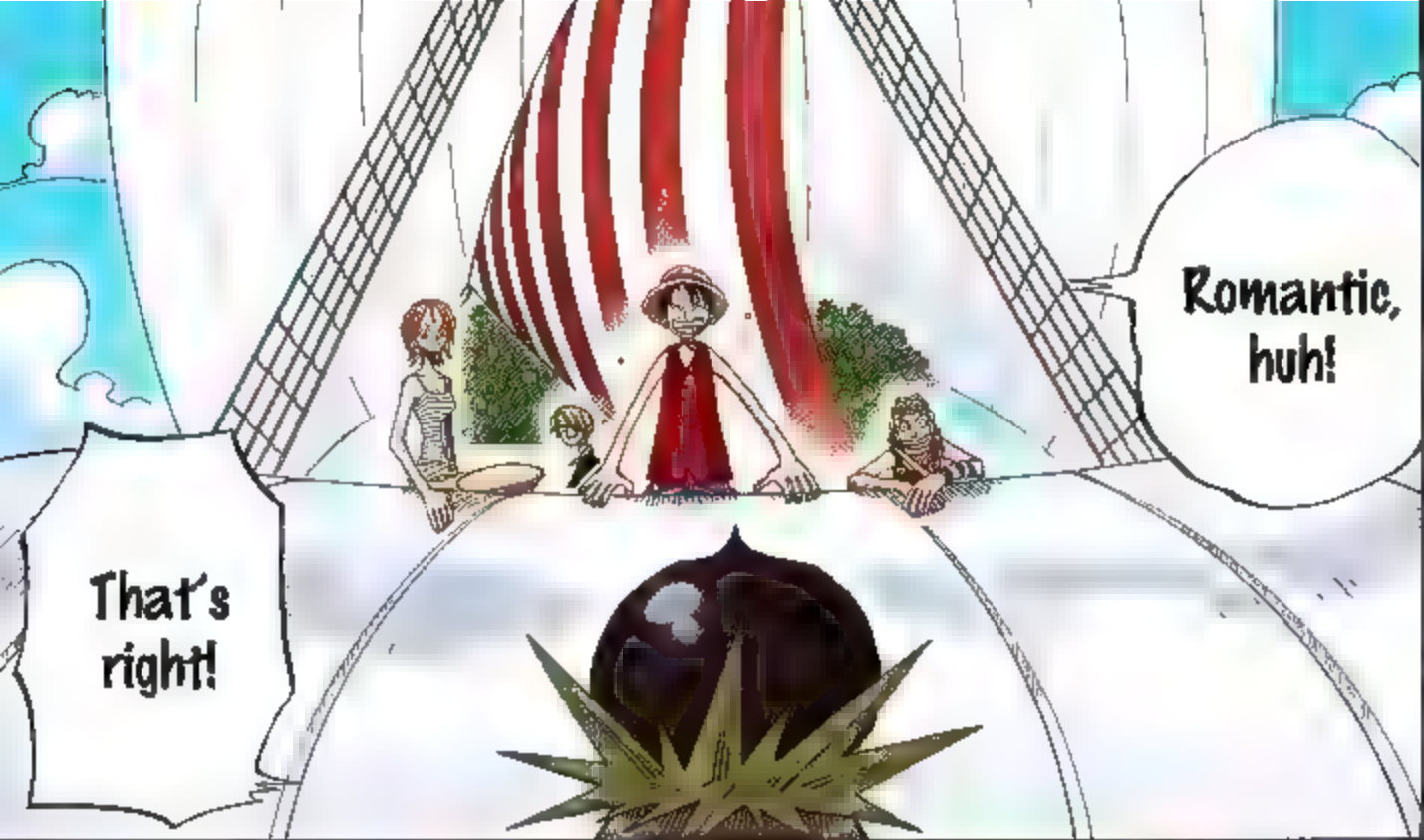
There's
never been
a person
who's
proven they
don't exist!

Whether it's
the City of
Gold, or Sky
Island,



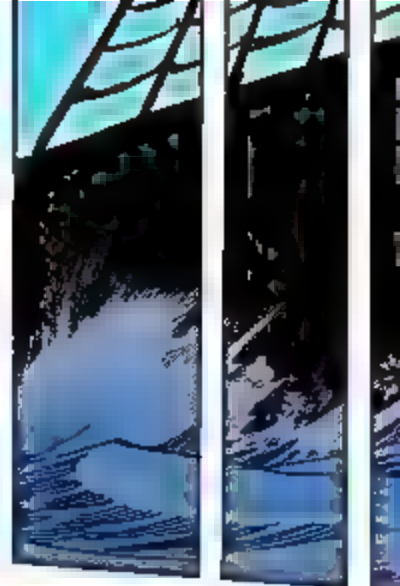
ISN'T THAT
FANTASY,

**PRECISELY
WHAT MAKES
IT ROMANTIC!?**





It's already morning.



No, I can't even see the shore's shadow yet.

Are you sure they said they were going to Sky Island?

Well, do you see anything?



So we'll take care of 'em before they can get up there!

Yeah, that's what they said, alright. Chasing them there'll be difficult.

It'll be around
11 by the time
we get to our
destination.

Listen up!
It's 7 in the
morning
right now!

The knock-up
stream changes
location
everytime.

Like our
boss said,

So we'll have to
quickly search for
its exact location
as soon as we
arrive there.

It turned
back around!

かーん!!

Are you
listening to
my expl-

Hey!

Now since we're
a little behind
schedule...

Look, look!

がしっ!!



He said he'll face another direction to make trouble for us.

What did it say?



It's like a compass! Hahaha!

It really can't face any other direction than South!

That sure is one weird bird.



AHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA!

It can't rest unless it's facing South!



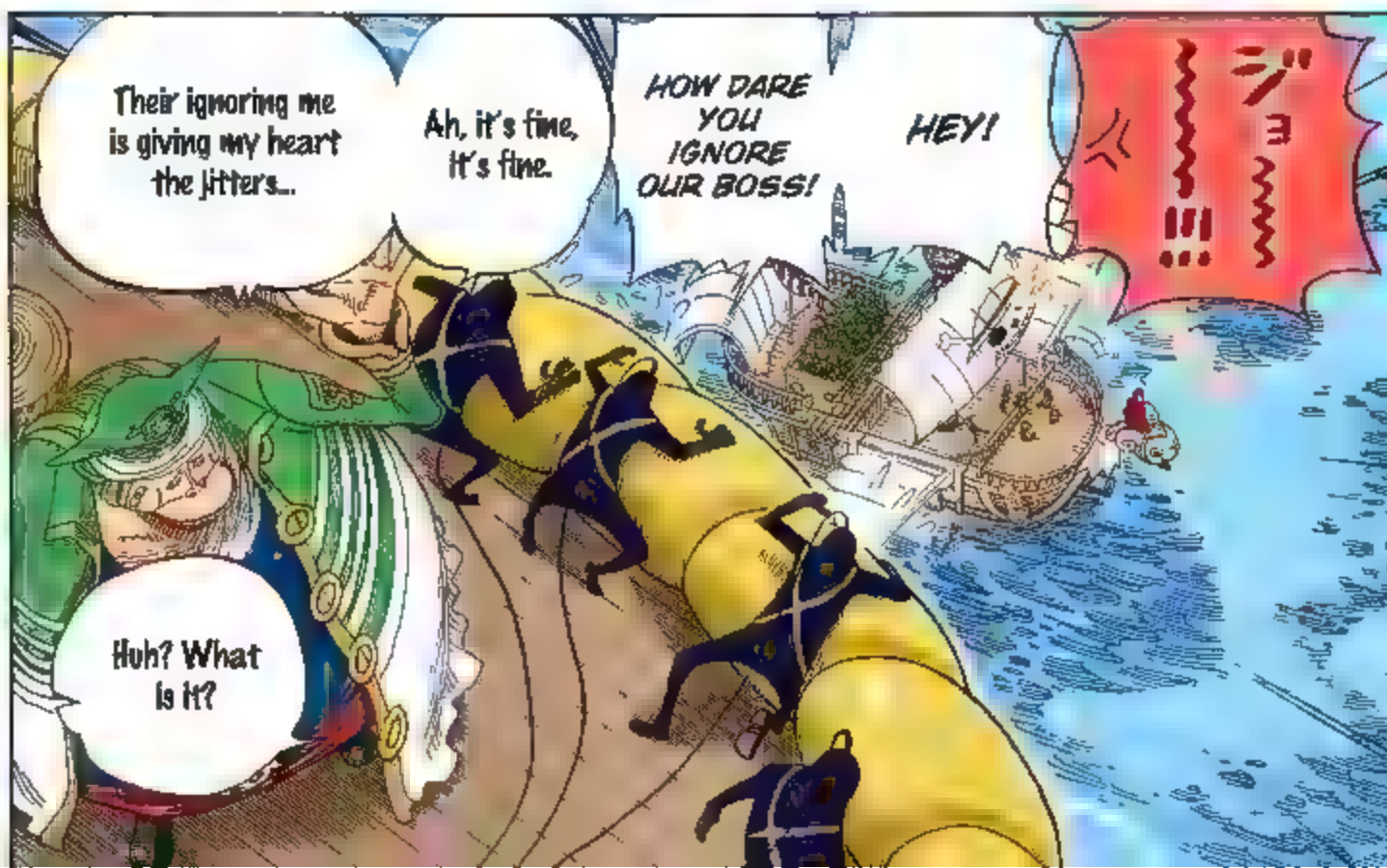
そわそわ



くる!

Oh!

It's facing North!



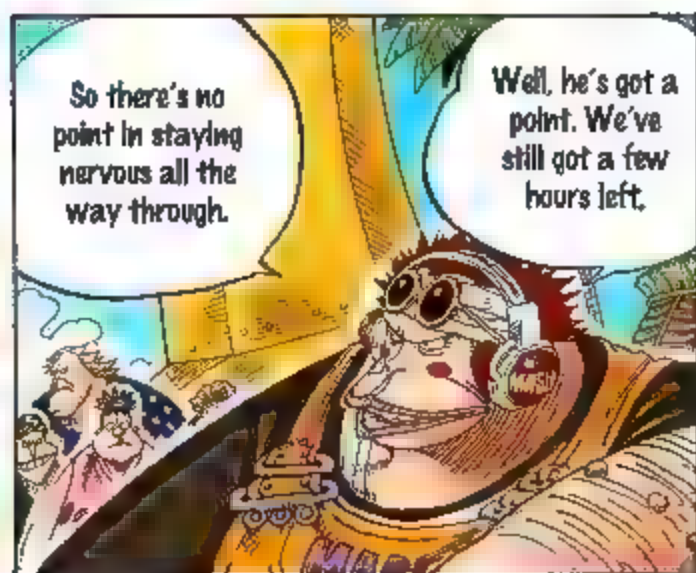
Their ignoring me is giving my heart the jitters...

Ah, it's fine, it's fine.

HOW DARE YOU
IGNORE
OUR BOSS!

HEY!

Huh? What is it?



Night's falling...
from the Southwest!

IT'S THE
EMPEROR-
NIMBUS!

WHY,
WHAT
IS IT!?

BOSS!
THIS IS
BAD!

3 hours
later

THIS IS BAD...
SHOUJOU!
YOU THINK
THEY CAN
STILL MAKE
IT!?

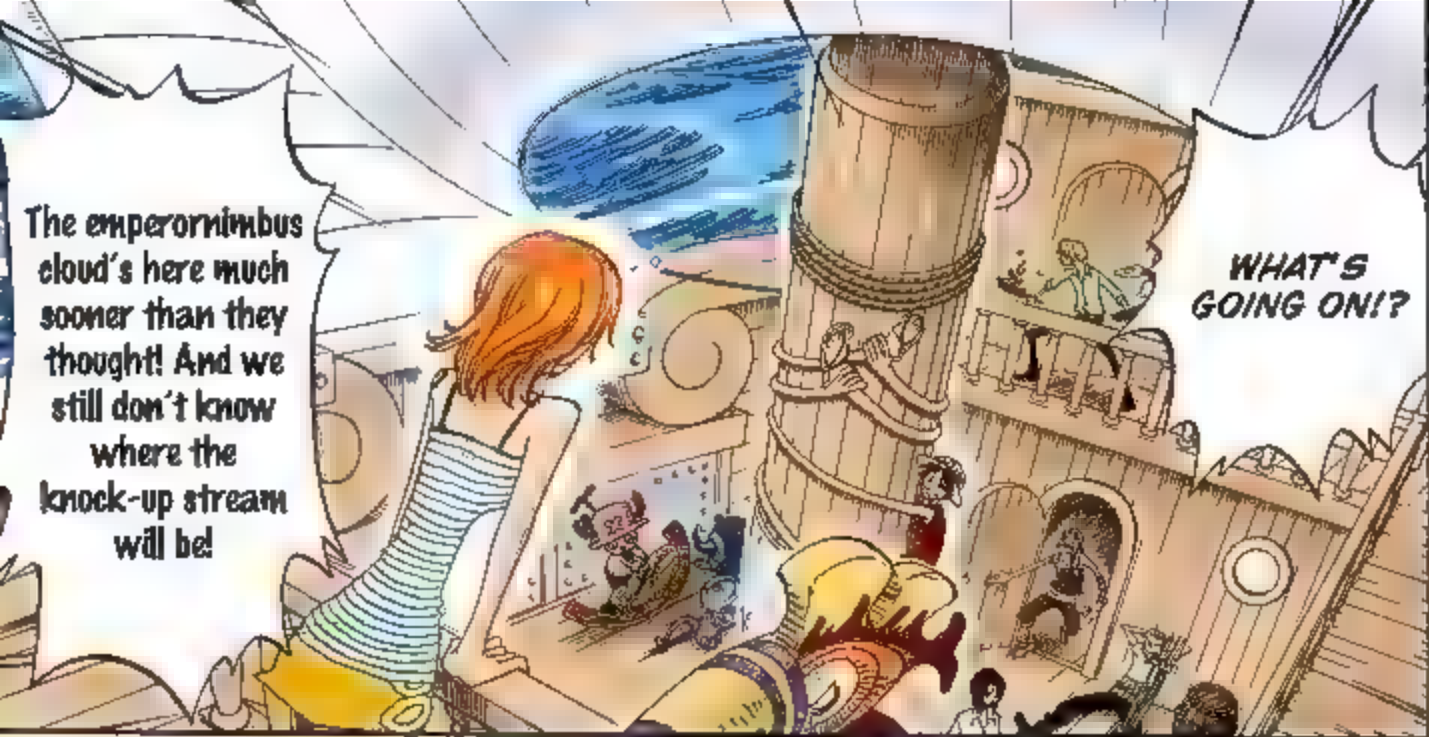
IT'S ONLY 10!
IT'S HERE
MUCH
SOONER
THAN WE
THOUGHT!

ALREADY?
WHAT TIME
IS IT!?

So that's the
emperor-
nimbus...

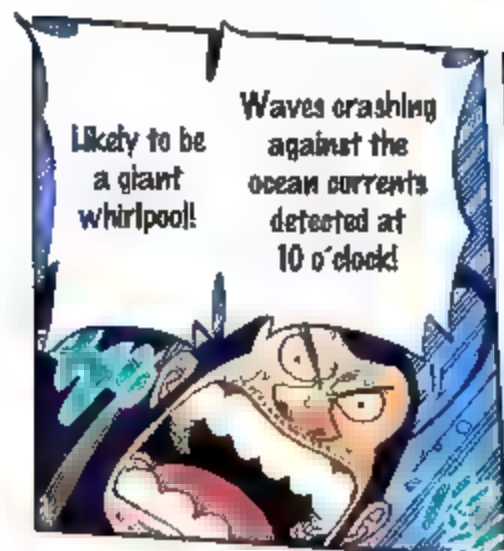
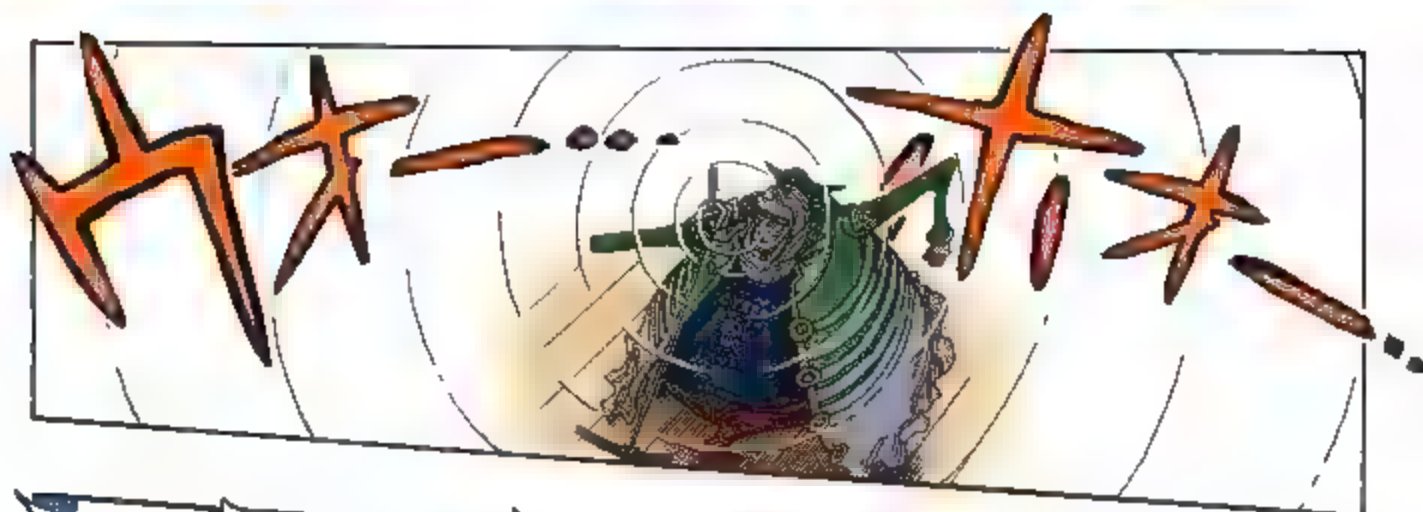
UOHO!

LITAN DIVERS!
DIVE AT ONCE
AND FIND
WHERE THE
STREAM IS
FORMING!



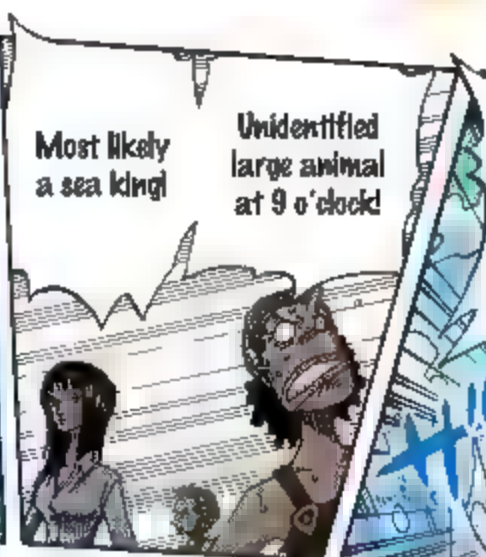
The emperor nimbus cloud's here much sooner than they thought! And we still don't know where the knock-up stream will be!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?



Likely to be a giant whirlpool!

Waves crashing against the ocean currents detected at 10 o'clock!

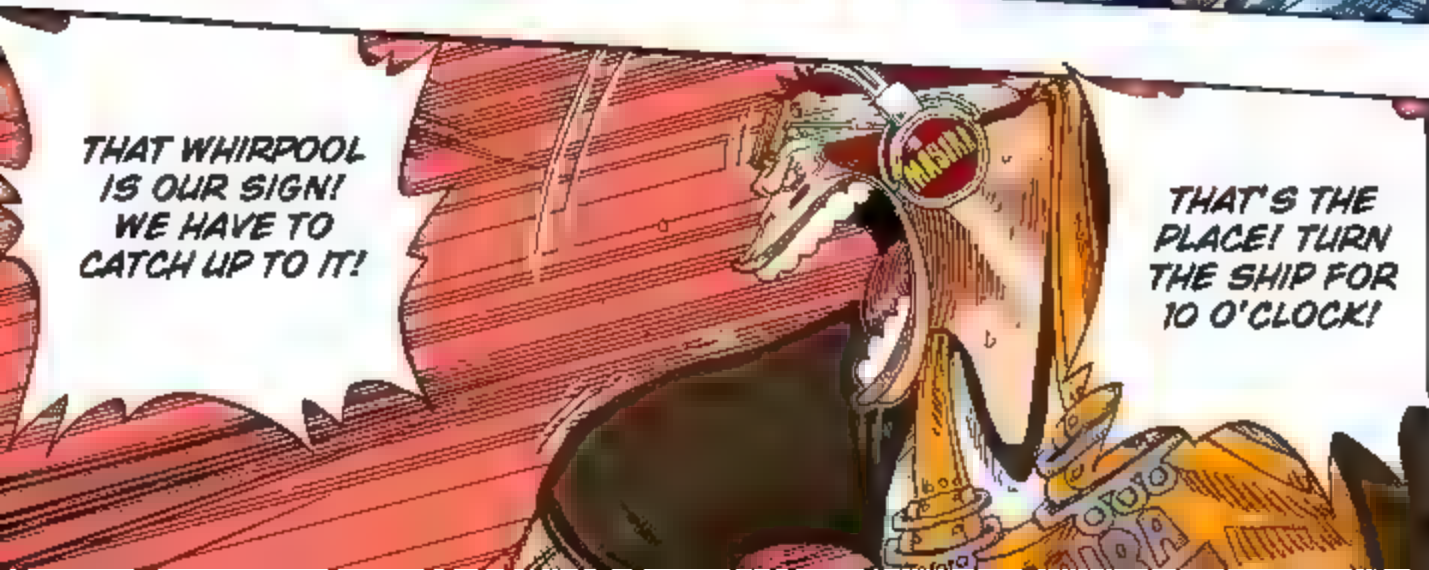


Most likely a sea king!

Unidentified large animal at 9 o'clock!



Echo detected! Large ocean currents at 12 o'clock!



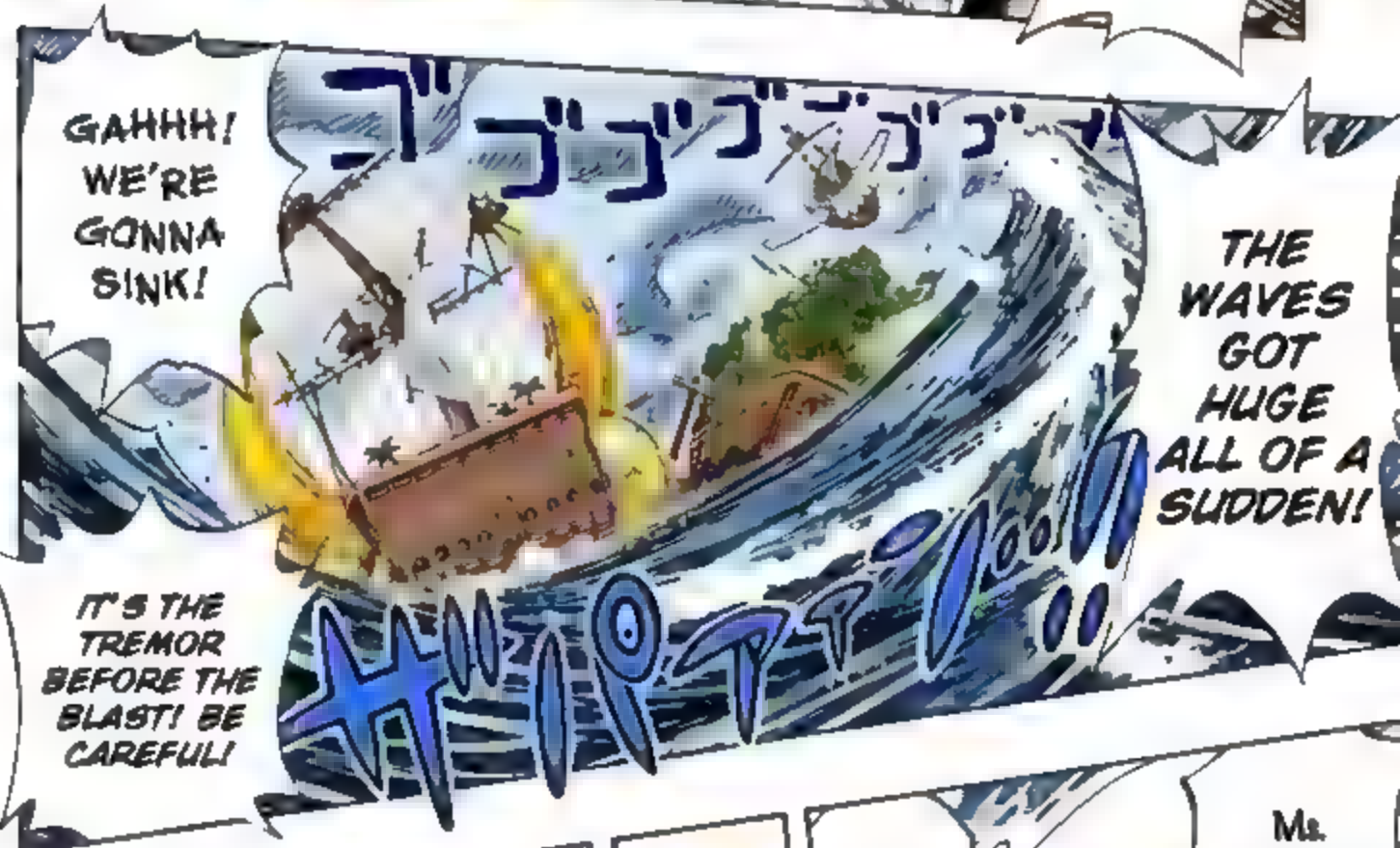
THAT WHIRPOOL IS OUR SIGN! WE HAVE TO CATCH UP TO IT!

THAT'S THE PLACE! TURN THE SHIP FOR 10 O'CLOCK!



WHA!?

AGHHH!



GAHHH!
WE'RE
GONNA
SINK!

THE
WAVES
GOT
HUGE
ALL OF A
SUDDEN!

IT'S THE
TREMOR
BEFORE THE
BLAST! BE
CAREFUL!



It's pointing
straight up!

What?!

Ms.
Navigator!

Where's the
log pose
pointing?!

ニニニニニ

THE WINDS ARE PERFECT! THEY'RE DIRECTING THE EMPEROR NIMBUS RIGHT ABOVE THE WHIRLPOOL'S EYE!

WHAT WHIRLPOOL!? I DON'T SEE A WHIRLPOOL ANYWHERE!

WE CAN MAKE IT?!

AND THE BLAST SEEMS TO BE JUST THE RIGHT SIZE!

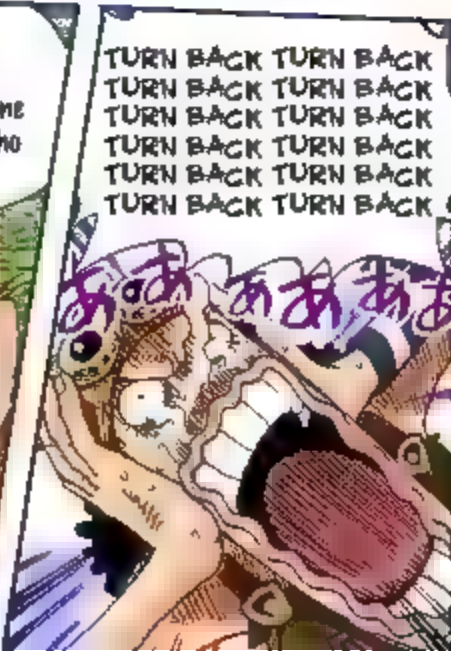
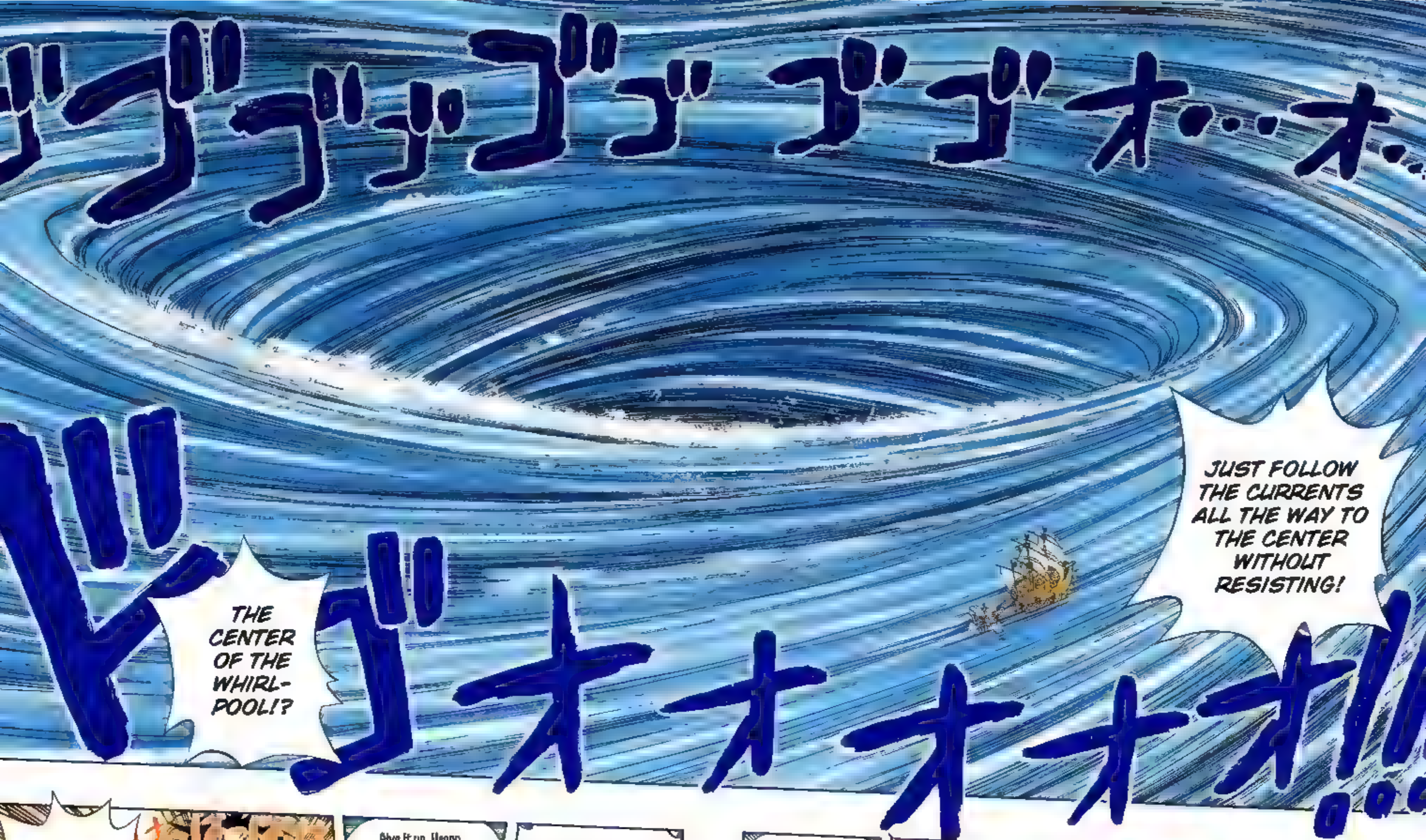
LOOKS LIKE WE GUESSED RIGHT THIS TIME, BRO!

THEN WHAT?? WHAT WE DO AFTER THEN?!

I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE WHIRLPOOL!

Huh?

YEAH, YOU SHOULD!



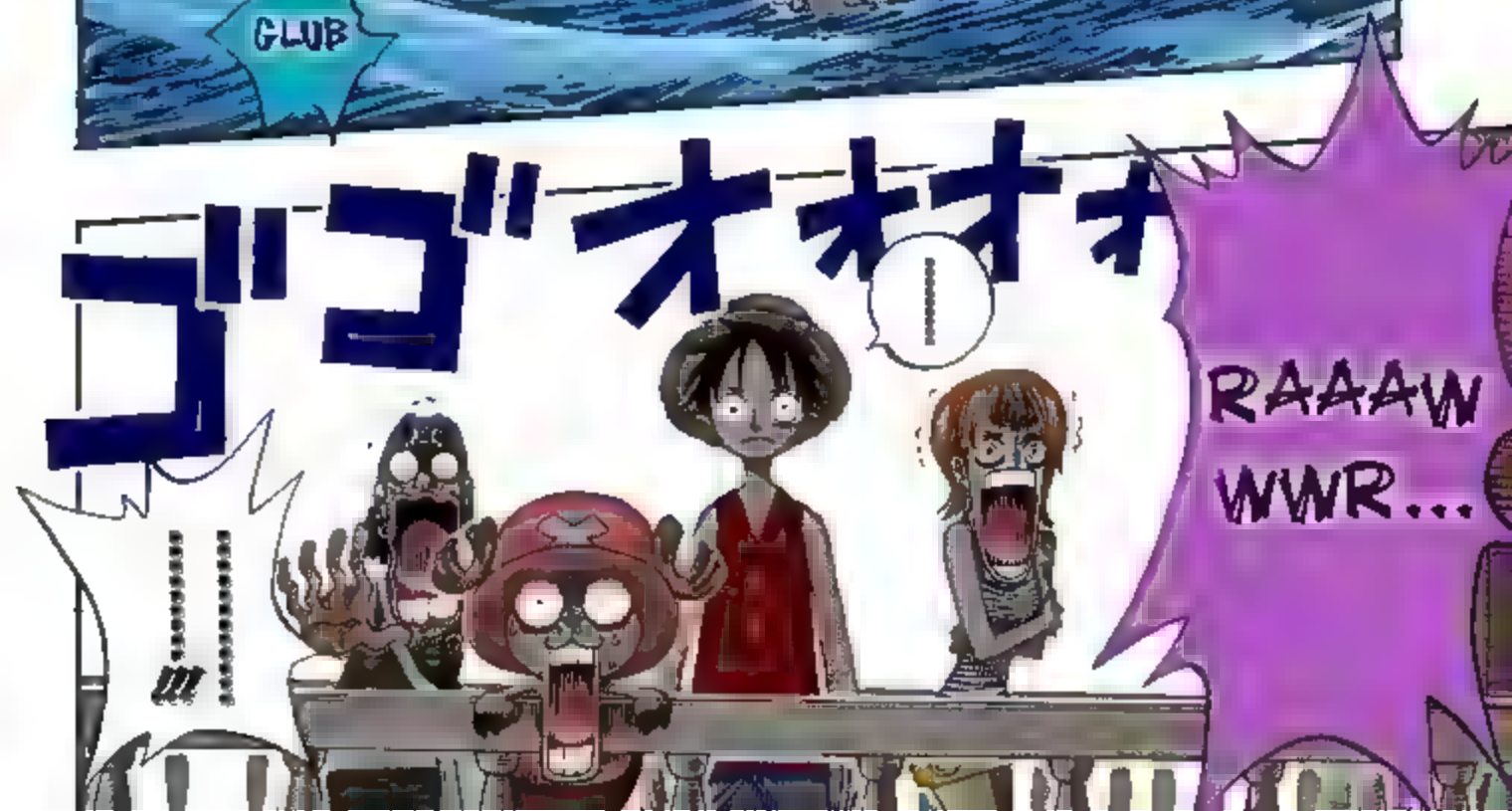
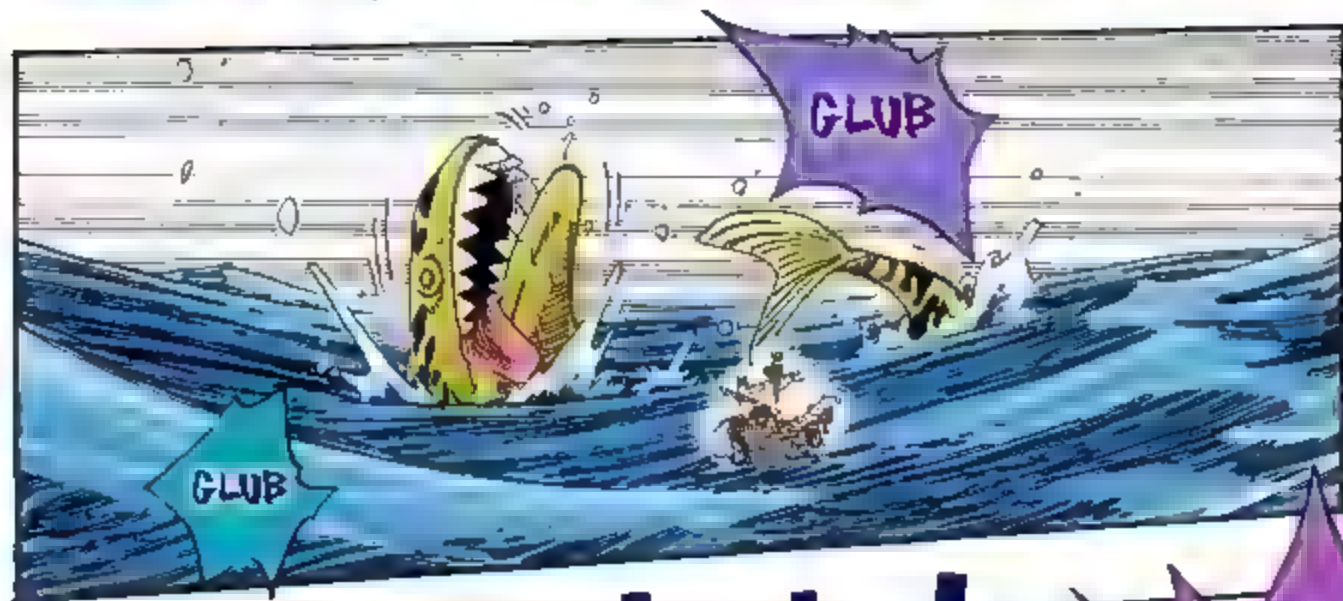
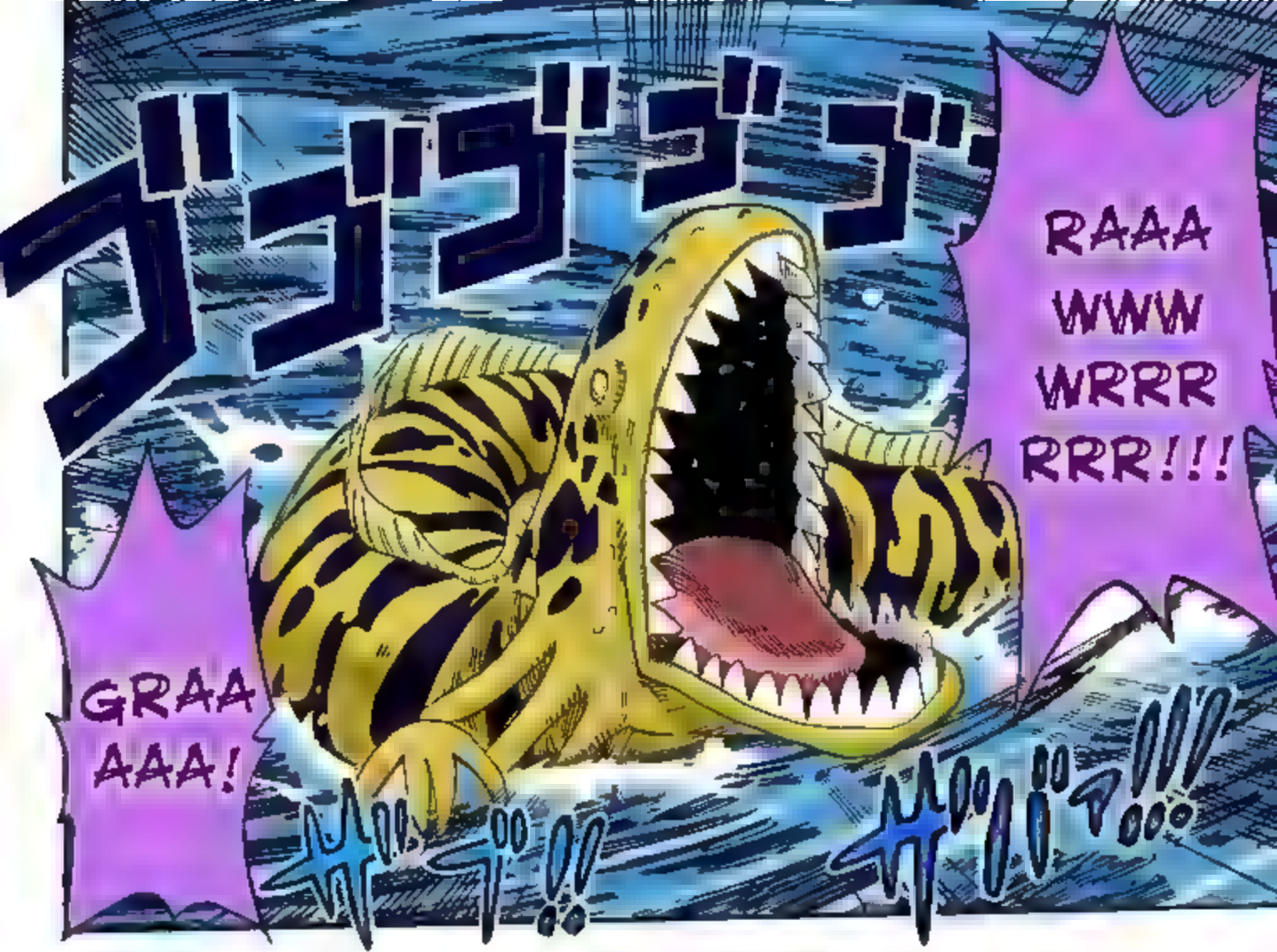
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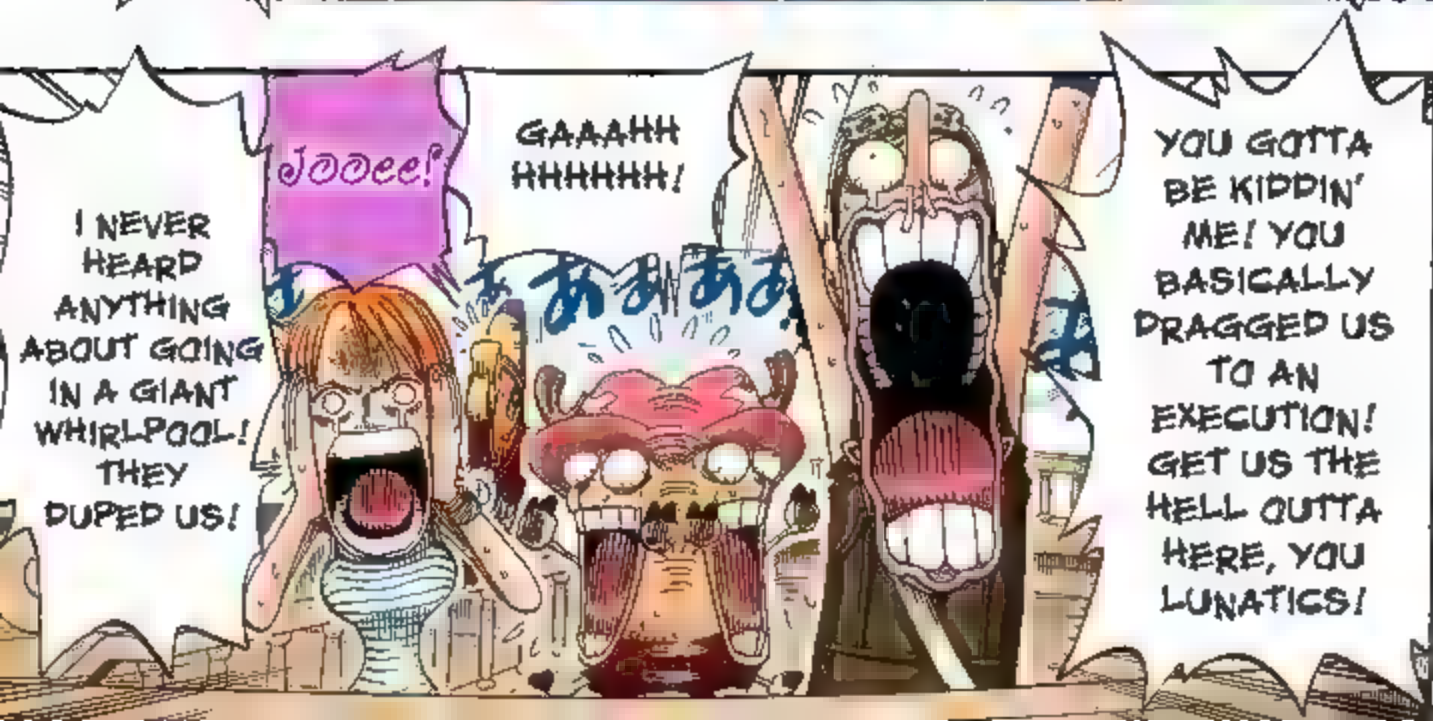
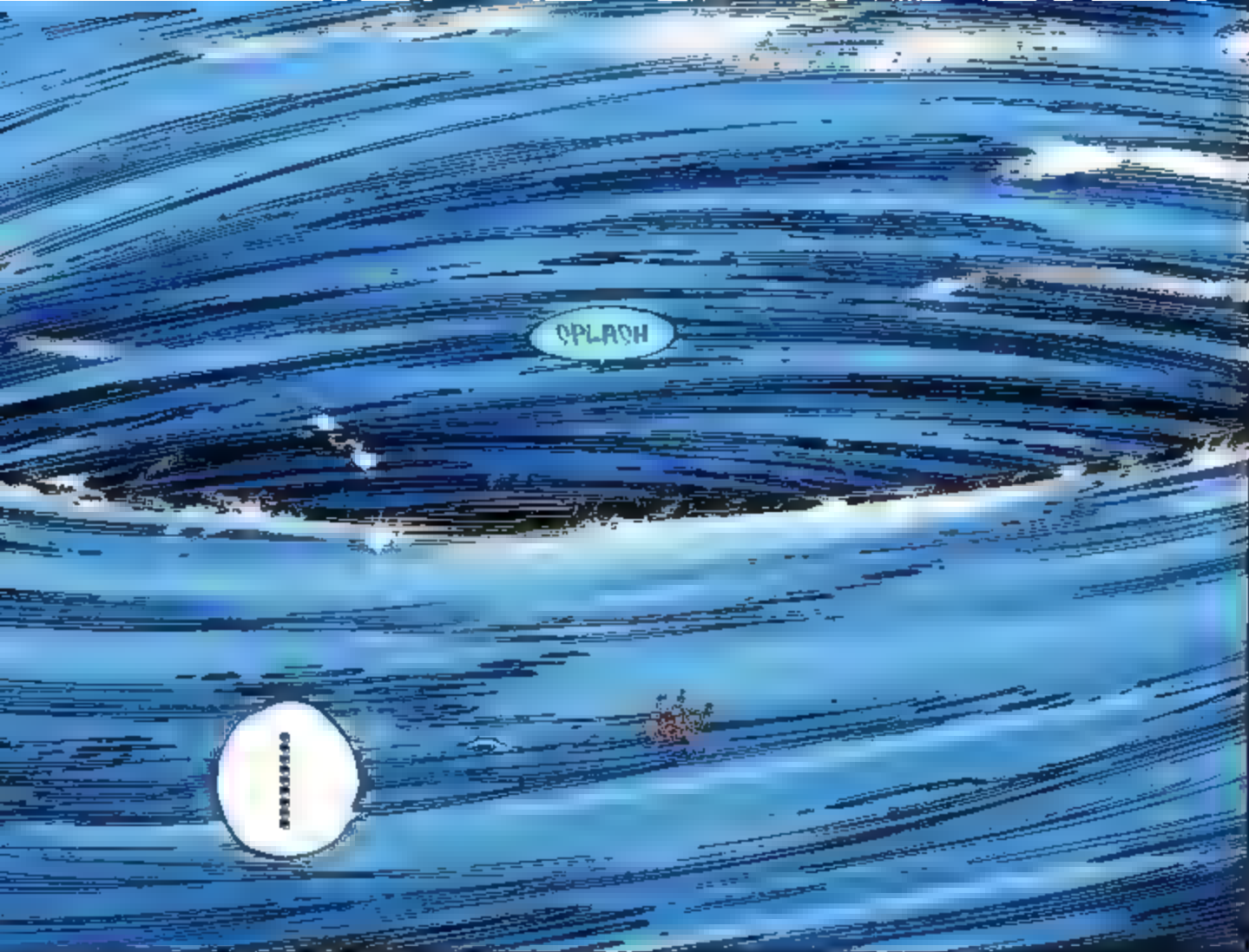
“Sailing into the Sky”



WAPOL'S OMNIVOROUS HURRAH VOL. 1:

"EVEN IF I GET KILLED, A GREAT MAN LIKE ME WILL NOT JUST DIE!"





THE WHIRL-
POOL'S
SUUCKING
US IN
CLOSER AND
CLOSER!

AGHHHH!
NIGHT'S
ALREADY
FALLEN
ON US!

A fantasy among
fantasies...?
You're right!

SKY ISLAND'S
JUST SOME
FANTASY
AMONG
FANTASIES!

Exactly, Luffy!
I think it's
impossible too!

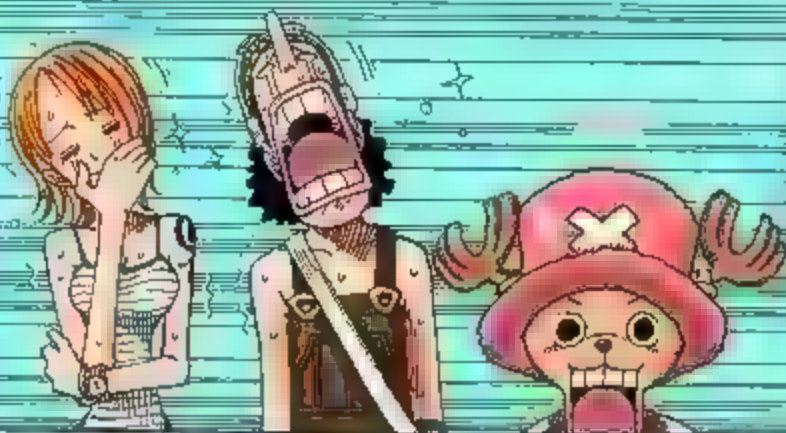
YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED
TO THAT SEA KING! THAT
WHIRLPOOL ALONE WILL KILL
US, LET ALONE THE BLAST
FROM THE KNOCK-UP STREAM!

LUFFY, LET'S
TURN BACK!
WE MIGHT
STILL MAKE IT
IF WE TURN
AROUND NOW!

WE'D REGRET IT
FOR THE REST
OF OUR LIVES IF
WE GAVE THIS
CHANCE UP!

AN
ADVENTURE ON
A FANTASY-
ISLAND AMONG
FANTASIES!?

HE'S
TOTALLY
STOKED....!



HE...

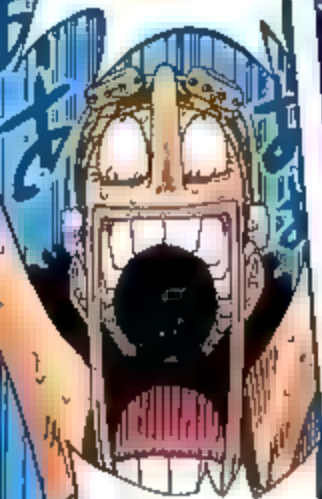


What is
it now?



Guys, while you were
making a futile last-
ditch attempt to
dissuade our captain...

AAAA
AAAA
AAGG
GGHHH



HHHHHHH
HHHHHHH
HHHHHHH!

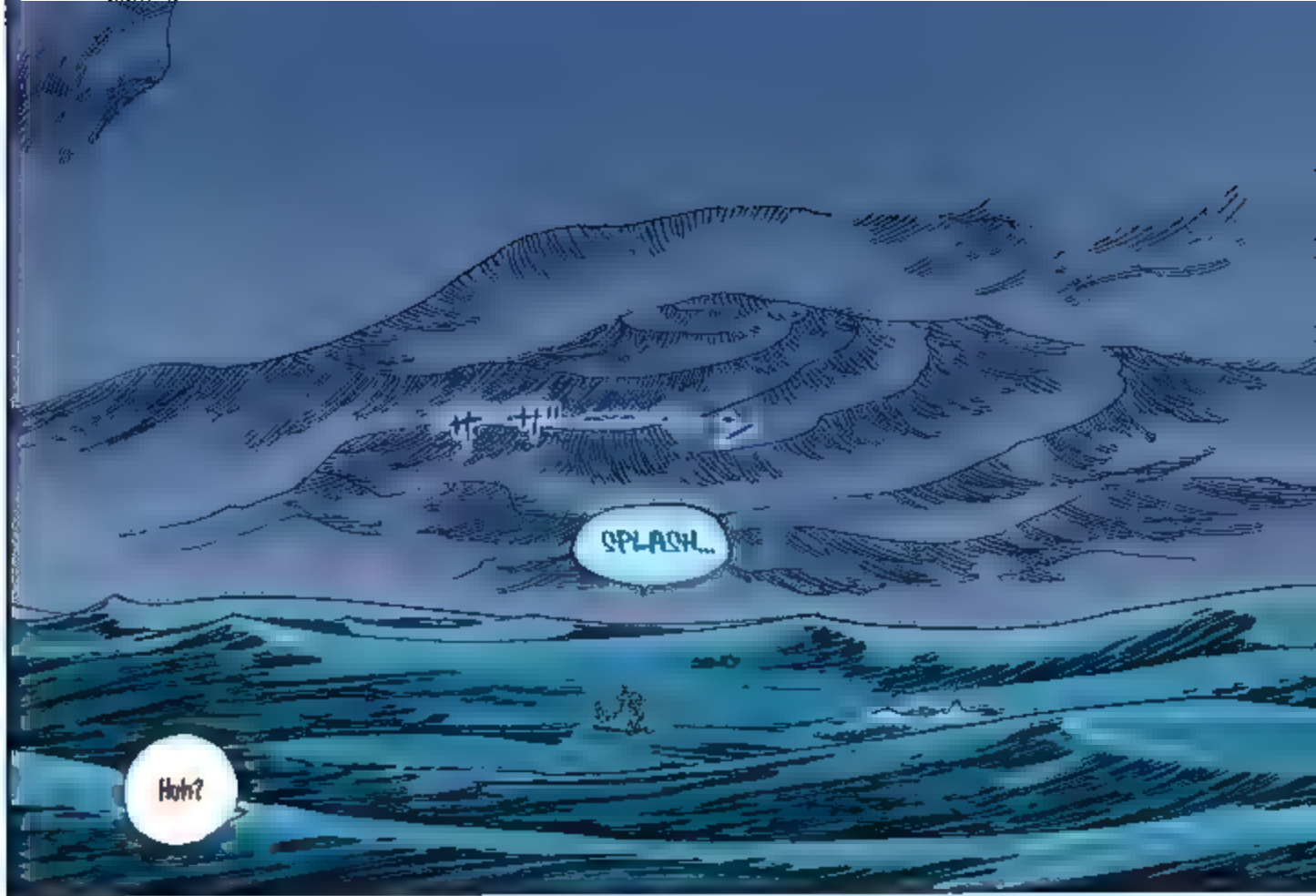
GAHHH!

The whirlpool
swallowed us.

Nami,
leap into
my arms!

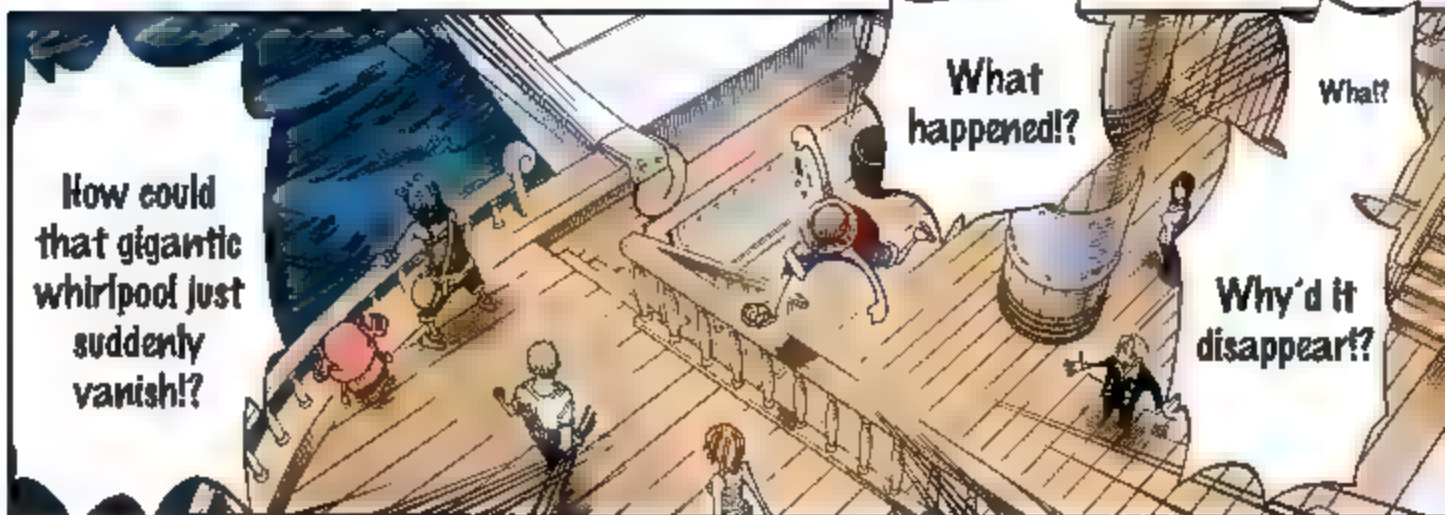
WE'RE
FAAAAAA
AALLIIINN
NGGGG!





SPLASH...

Huh?



How could that gigantic whirlpool just suddenly vanish!?

What happened!?

What?

Why'd it disappear!?

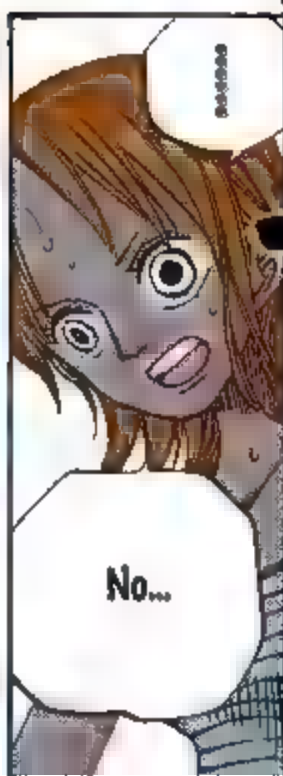


...Huh?

It's starting...!

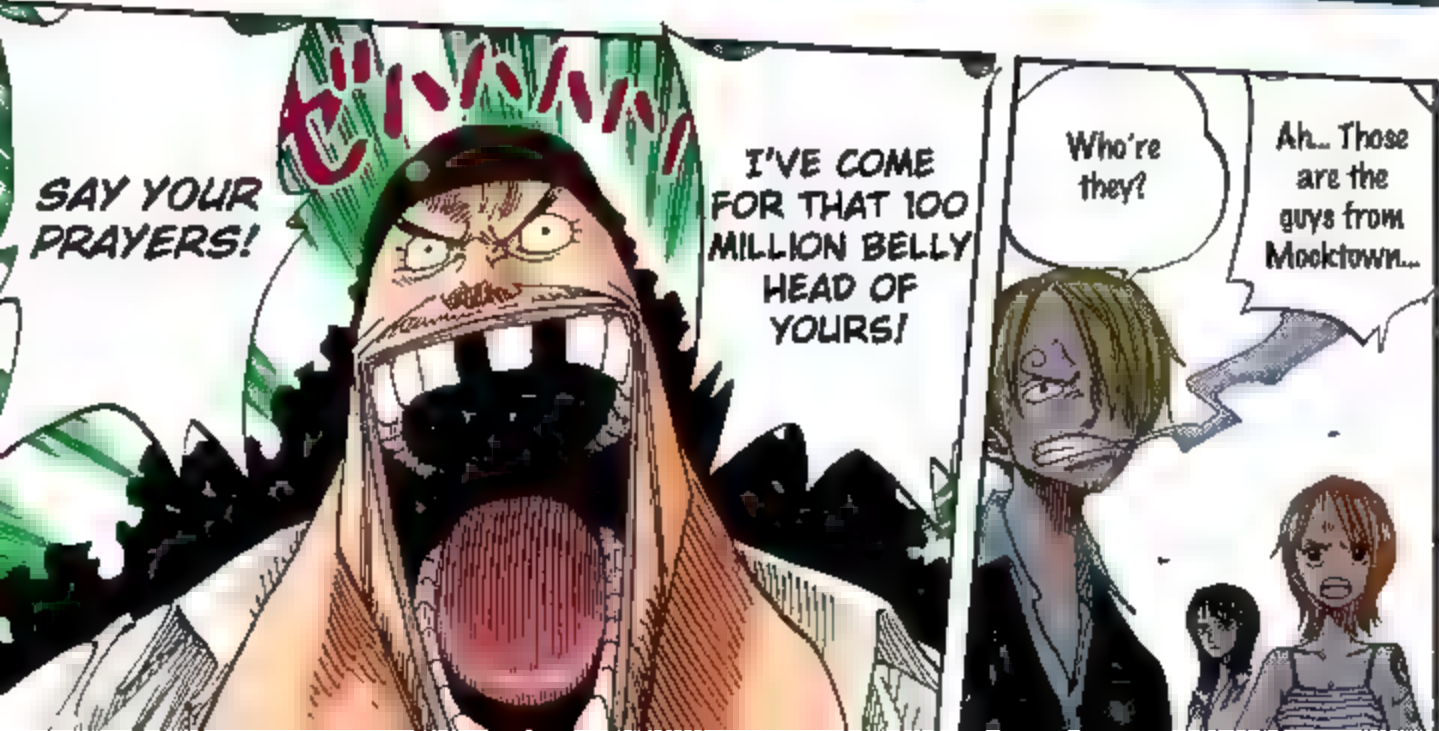
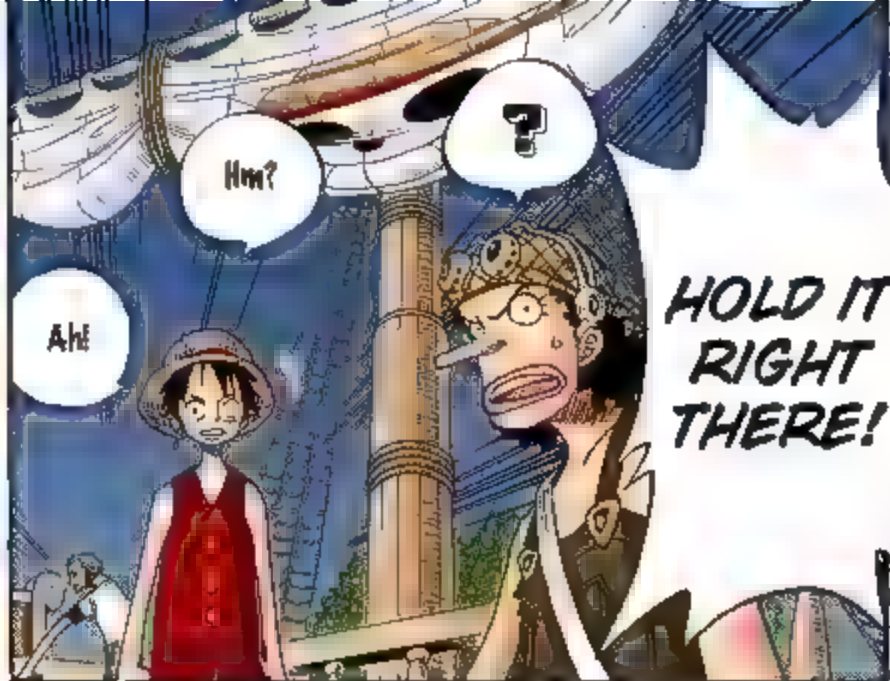
Wait, what?

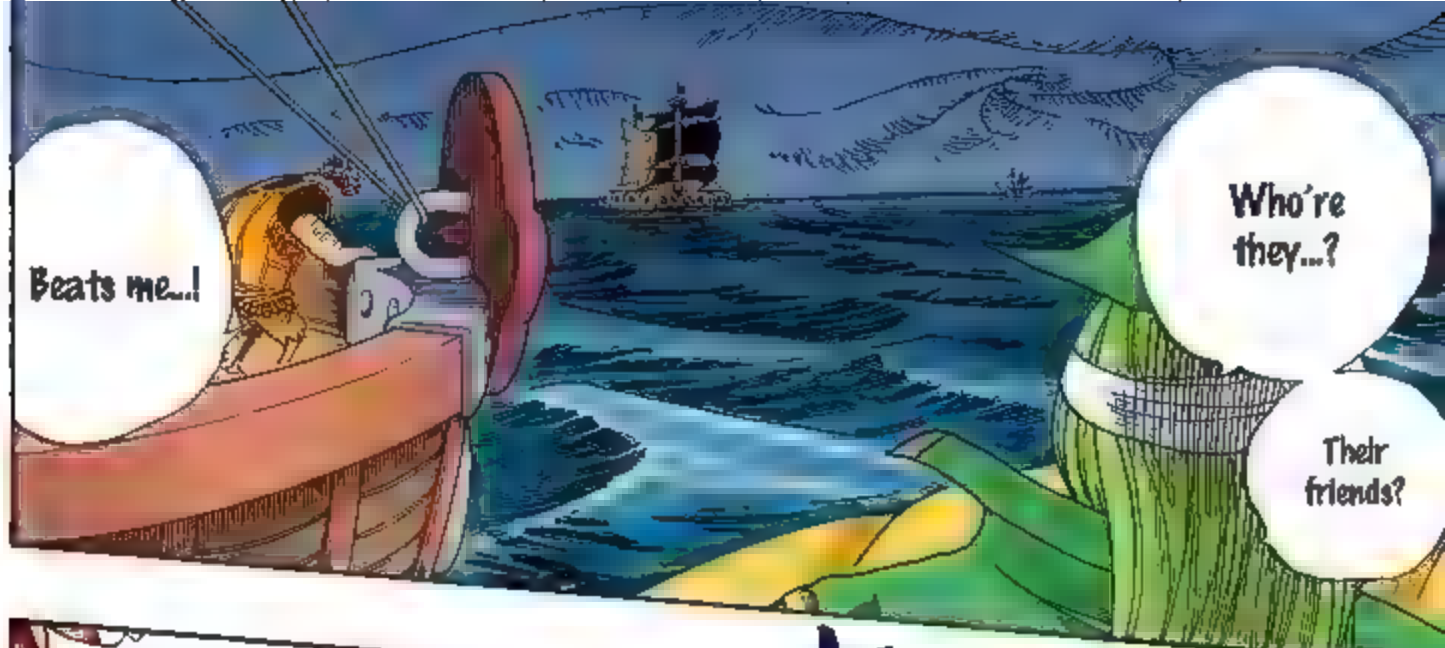
The whirlpool's already been negated at the ocean floor!



No...







Beats me...!

Who're they...?

Their friends?



And as for your friend, "Pirate Hunter Zoro," there's a 60 million belly bounty!

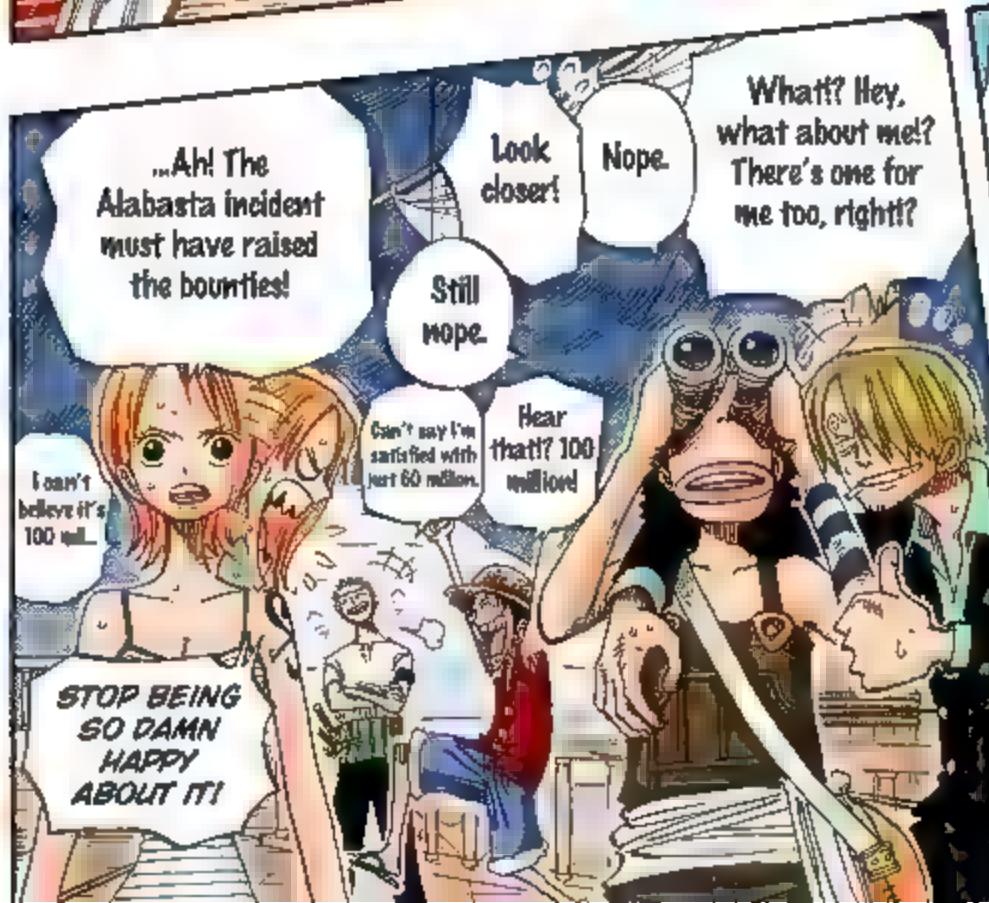
There's now a 100 million belly bounty posted for your head!



100 million belly head? What're you talking about?

Hm? Why're the skies so dark here?

Ah, so you really didn't know, did you...!



...Ah! The Alabasta incident must have raised the bounties!

Look closer!

Nope.

What? Hey, what about me? There's one for me too, right?!

Still nope.

Hear that? 100 million!

Can't say I'm satisfied with just 60 million.

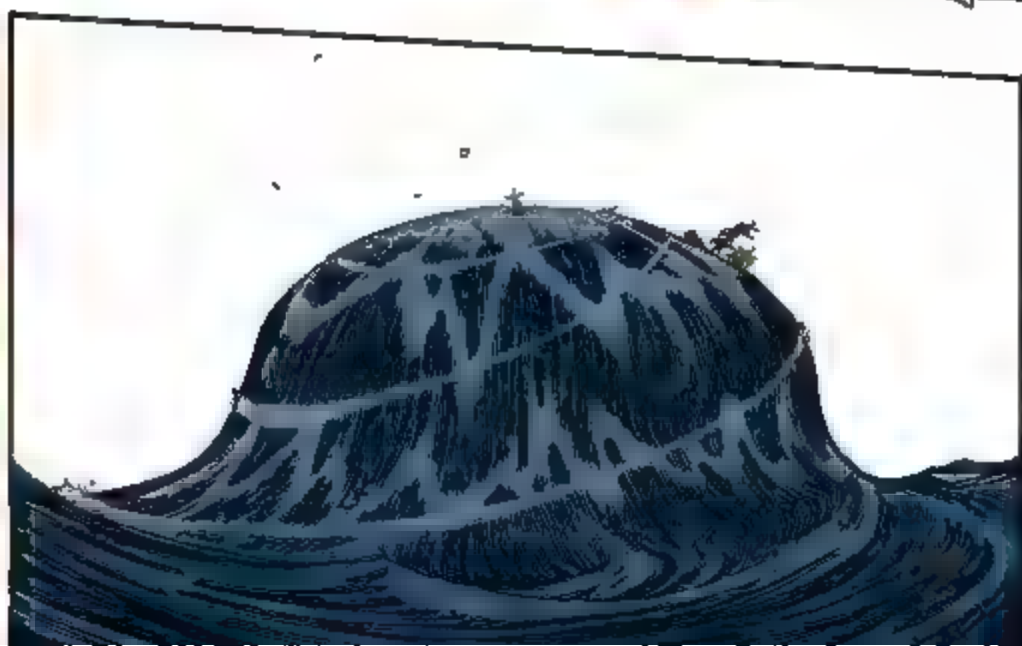
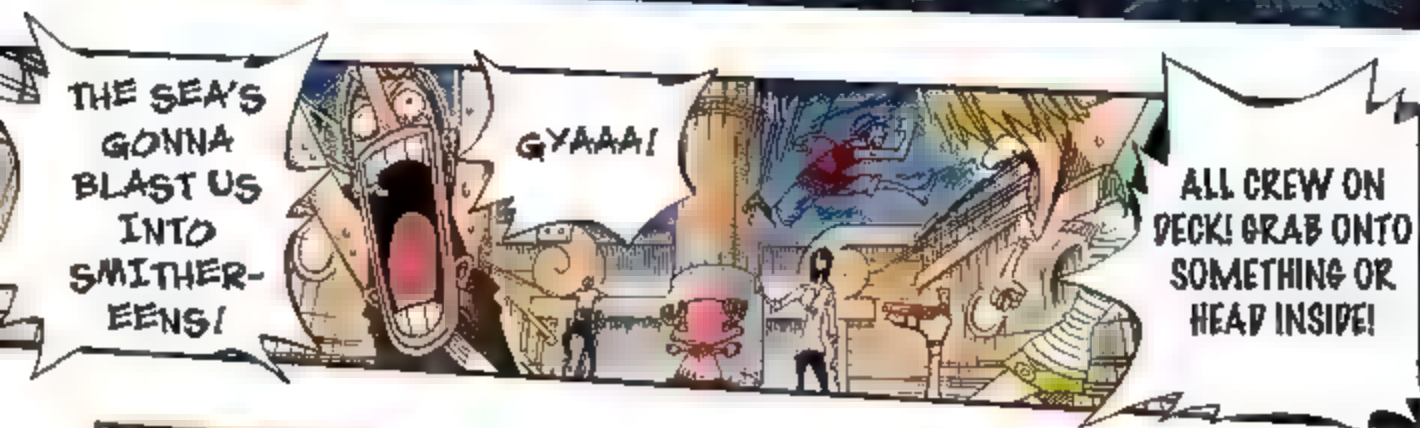
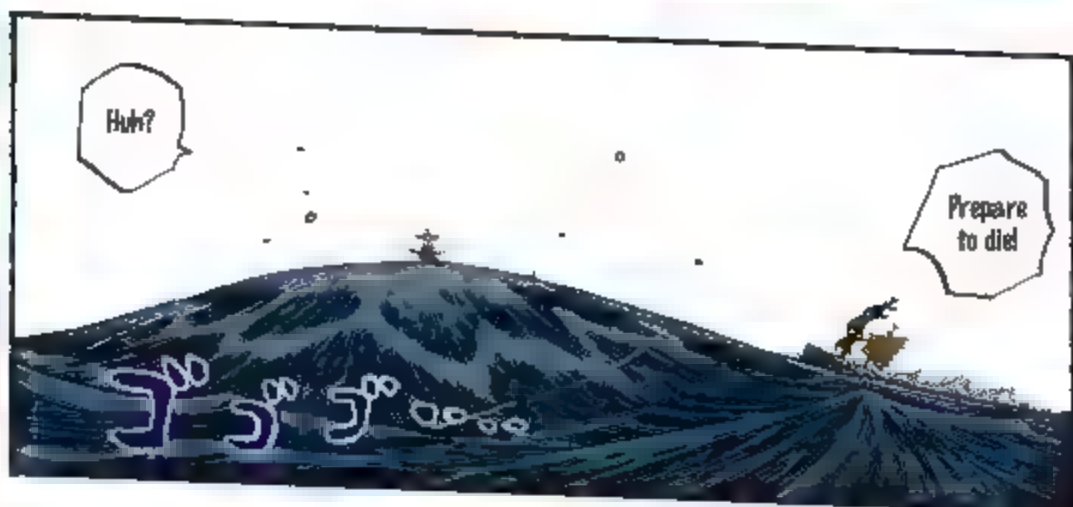
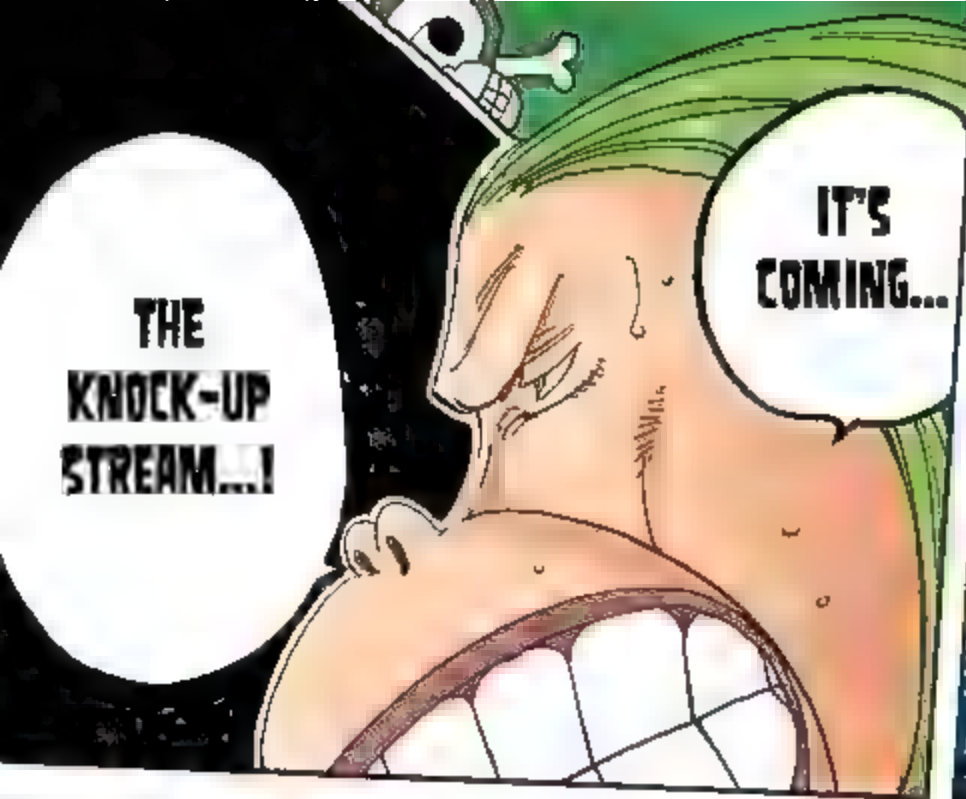
I can't believe it's 100 mil.

STOP BEING SO DAMN HAPPY ABOUT IT!



Zoro! There's a bounty on your head now!

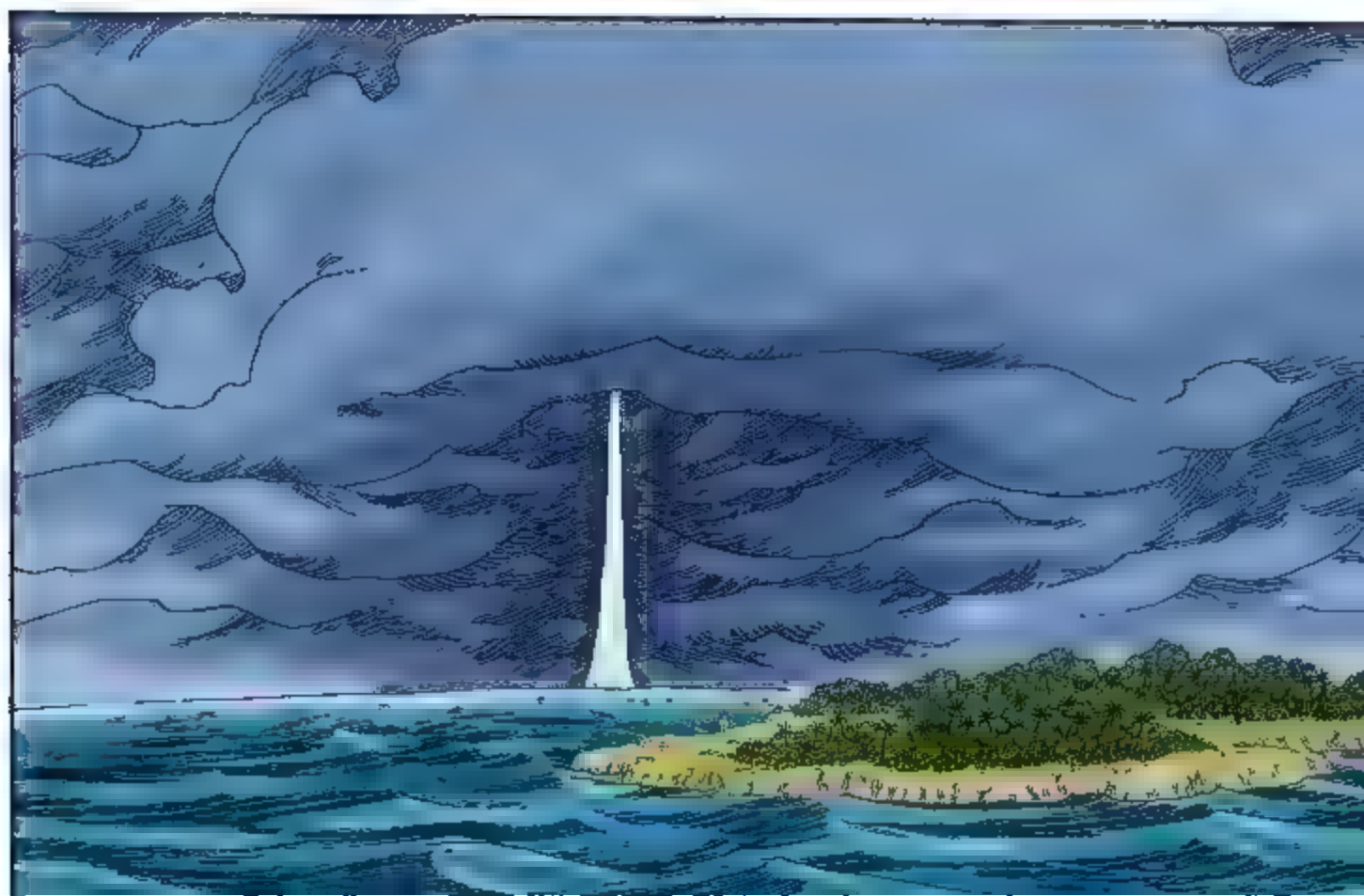
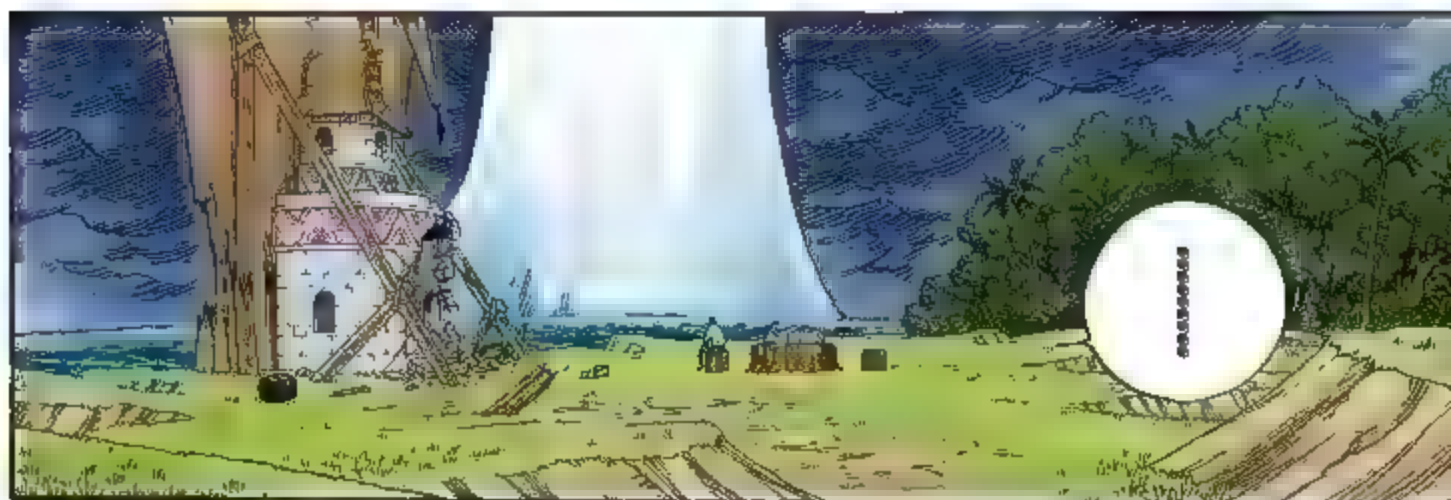
He's right! Those are the new wanted posters!

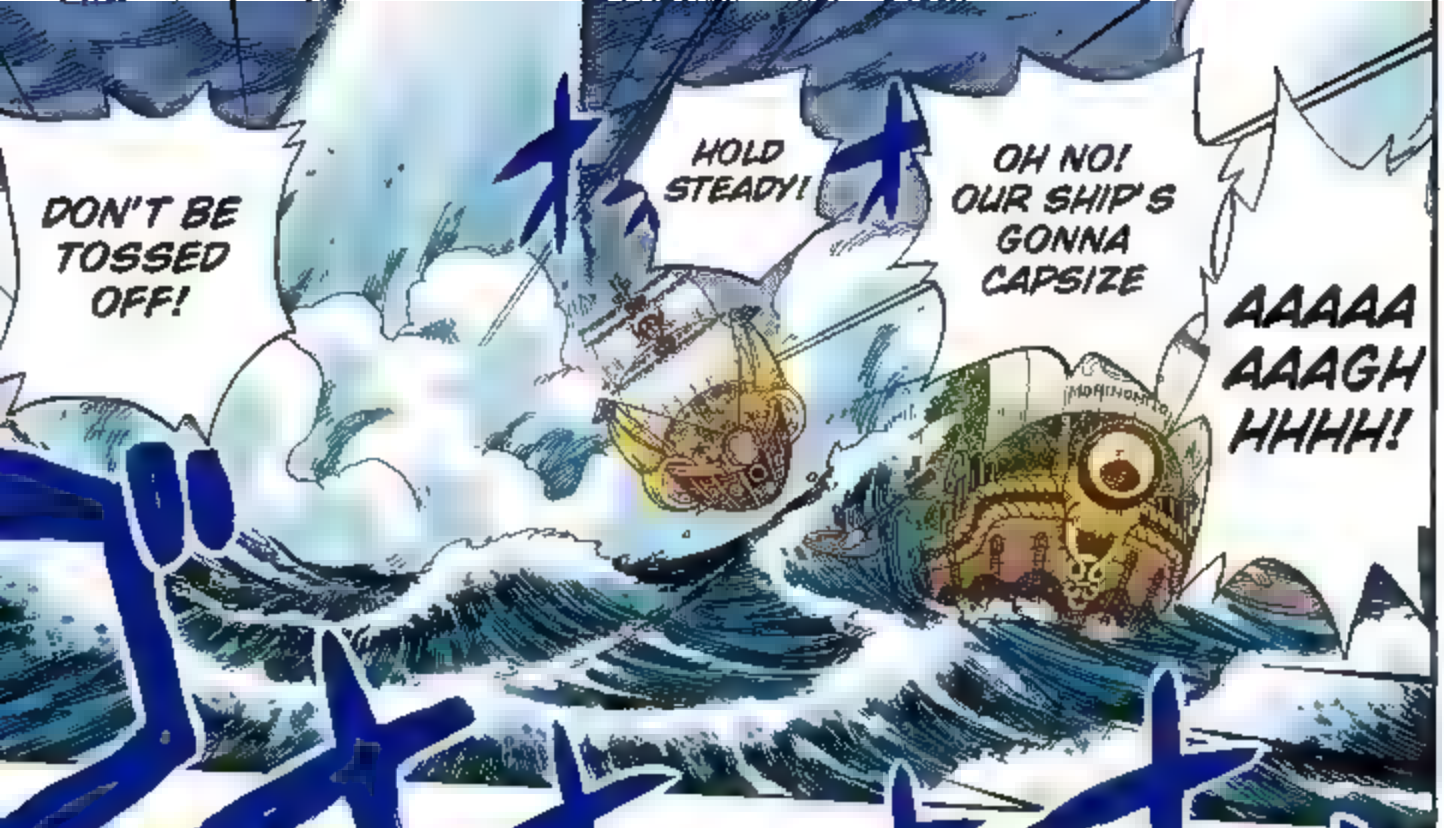




AAAAGGH
HHHHHHH!

AAAAGGH
GGHHHHH
HHHHHHH!





DON'T BE
TOSSED
OFF!

HOLD
STEADY!

OH NO!
OUR SHIP'S
GONNA
CAPSIZE

AAAAA
AAAGH
HHHH!



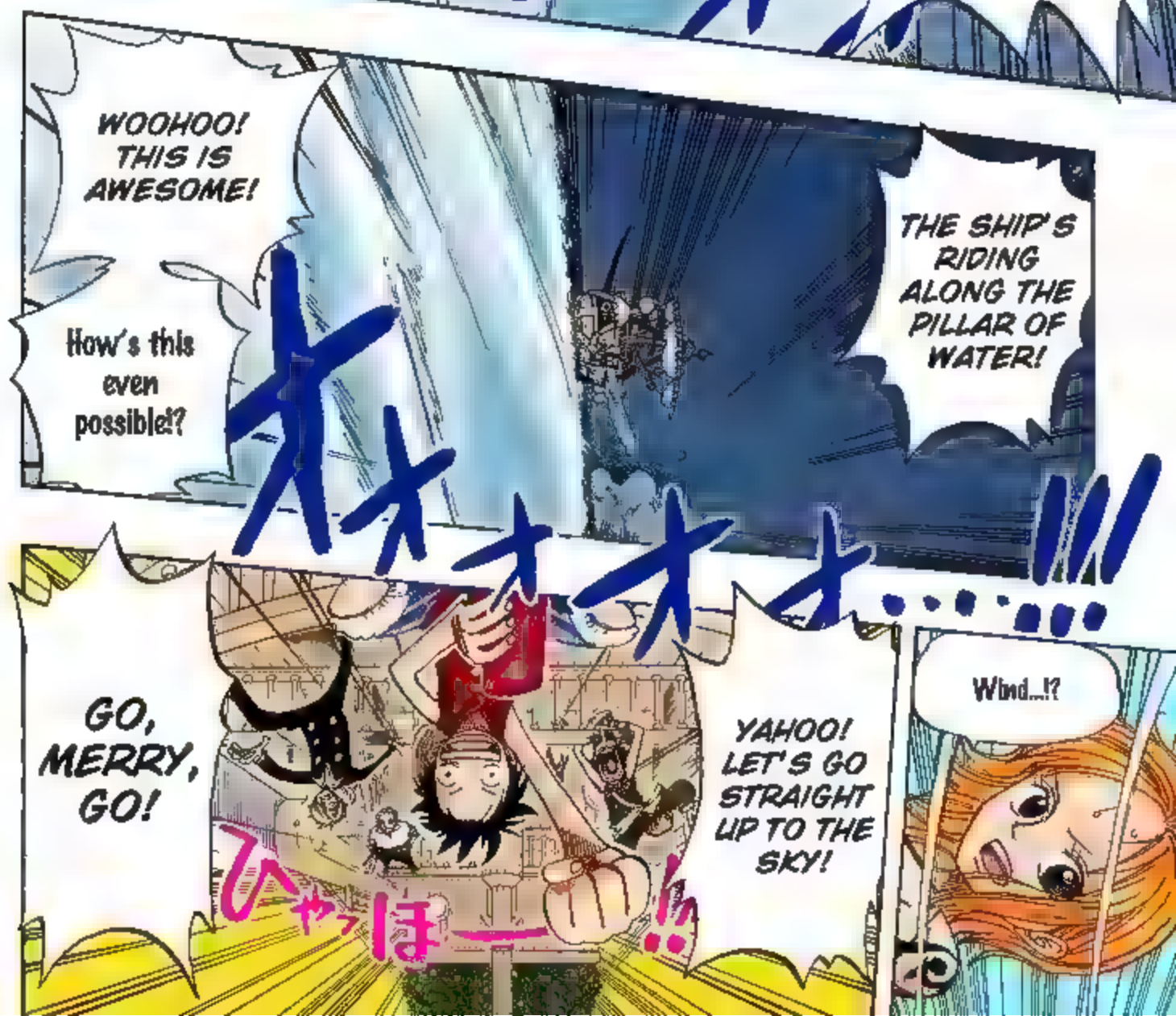
FLY UP TO
SKY ISLAND!





W-WHAT'S
GOING
ON!?

AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAGG
GGGHH
HHHHH
HHHHH
HHHH!



WOOHOO!
THIS IS
AWESOME!

How's this
even
possible!?

THE SHIP'S
RIDING
ALONG THE
PILLAR OF
WATER!

GO,
MERRY,
GO!

YAHOO!
LET'S GO
STRAIGHT
UP TO THE
SKY!

Wind...!?

ひゃーほー

What's wrong?
Did you leave
something behind?

Why,
what is it?

I don't think
this is as
good as it
seems...!

Wait a
second...!

THE
ENTIRE
SHIP'S
BEGIN-
NING TO
FLOAT
OFF THE
WATER
STREAM!

AAAHH!
WHAT'S THAT!?

E-e-even if
we know
that,

Just what can
we do!? We're
barely hanging
onto our lives as
it is already!

WHAT!?

AT THIS
RATE,
WE'RE
GONNA
GET
KNOCKED
OFF THE
STREAM
AND FALL
BACK
DOWN!

A SEA
KING!

It must be
the one that
got sucked
in earlier!

It's only a matter of time until that happens to us too!



RAAAWWRR

AGHHHH! All the things that were sucked in by the knock-up stream are starting to fall down!

So this was just a natural calamity after all!

It's not like we can just fly the rest of the distance from here...

But we're only flying up right now from the impact of the blast!

WE'RE GONNA CRASH DOWN INTO THE SEA AND DIE INSTANTLY!

SO IT'S OVER FOR US THEN!



TO A "SKYWARD WIND!"

AND THE BLAST CREATED BY THE HEAT AND STEAM FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR HAS GIVEN RISE,

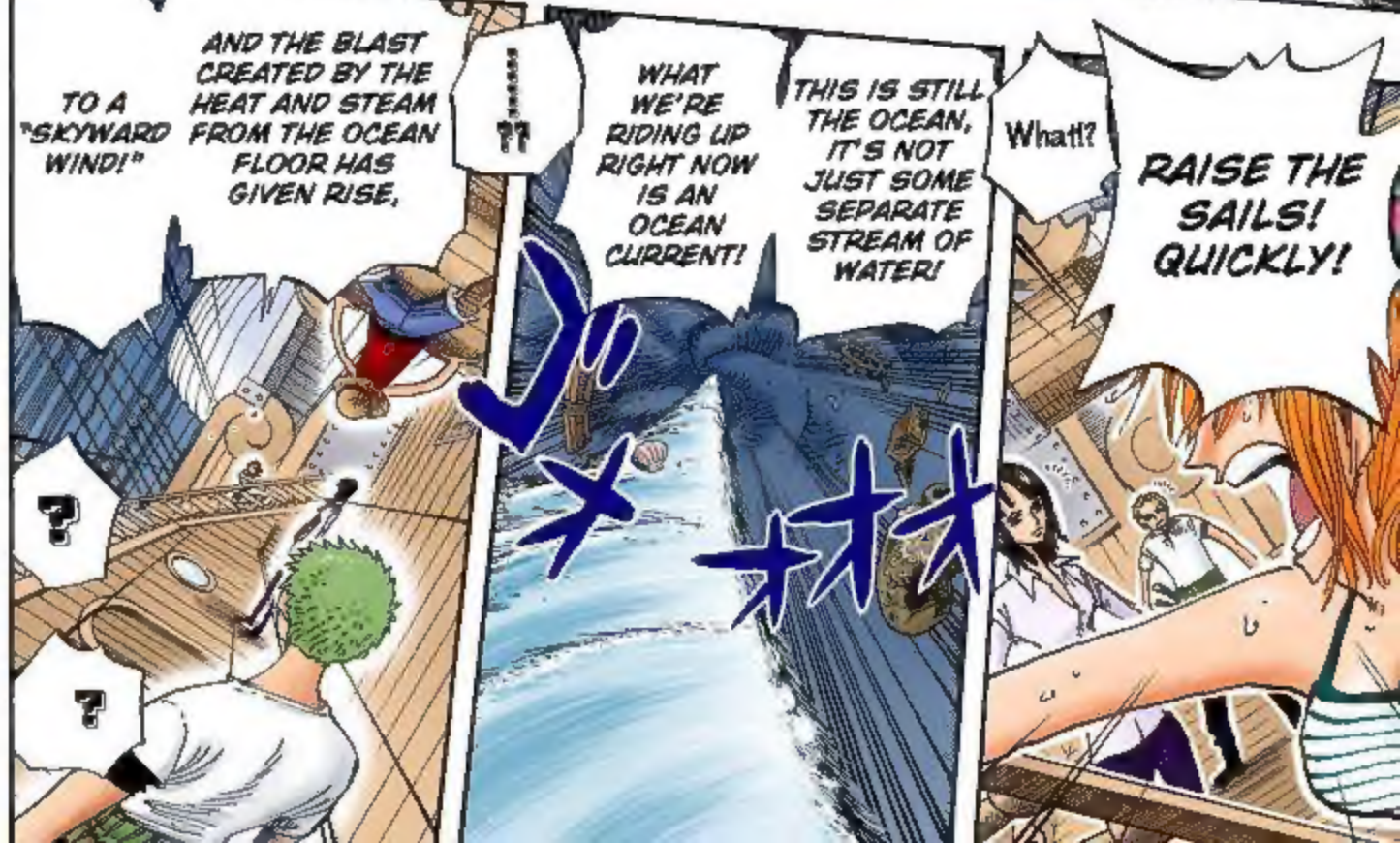
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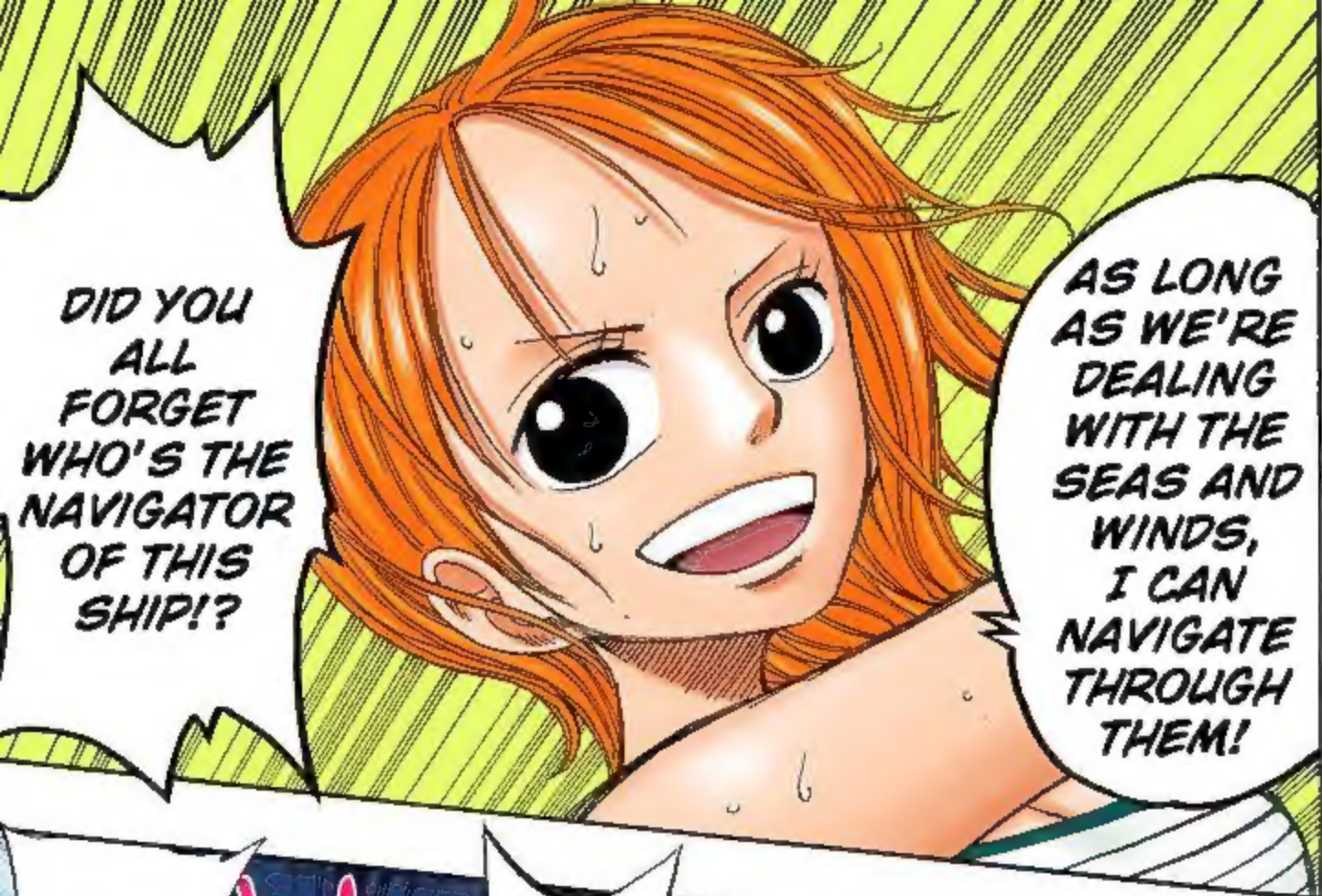
WHAT WE'RE RIDING UP RIGHT NOW IS AN OCEAN CURRENT!

THIS IS STILL THE OCEAN, IT'S NOT JUST SOME SEPARATE STREAM OF WATER!

What!?

RAISE THE SAILS! QUICKLY!





DID YOU
ALL
FORGET
WHO'S THE
NAVIGATOR
OF THIS
SHIP!?

AS LONG
AS WE'RE
DEALING
WITH THE
SEAS AND
WINDS,
I CAN
NAVIGATE
THROUGH
THEM!



Alright, guys!
Let's do as
Nami says!

AYE-AYE!

Naaaa
miiii!!!

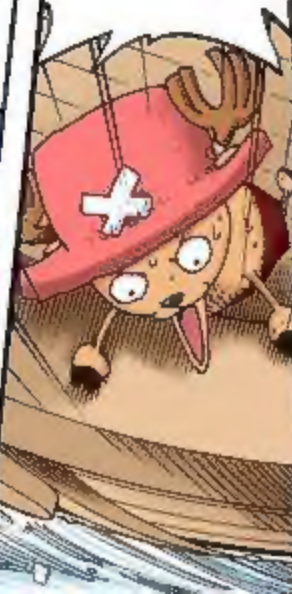


WE'RE
GONNA
FALL, WE'RE
GONNA
FALL! DO
SOMETHING,
NAMI!

AHHH! THE
SHIP'S
FLOATING
OFF MORE
AND MORE!



Don't worry.
we can
make it!



YES,
SIR!

We've gotta
match the
ship with
the ocean
current!

Turn the rudder
port-side so we
can catch the
wind from
starboard!

QUICKLY!

WHA!?

WE'RE
FLYING!?

WHOOA!

Is this
for
real?!

HELL YEAH!
WE'RE
FLYING INTO
THE SKY
NOW!

Nami, you're
amazing! ♡

Wow...

We
did it!



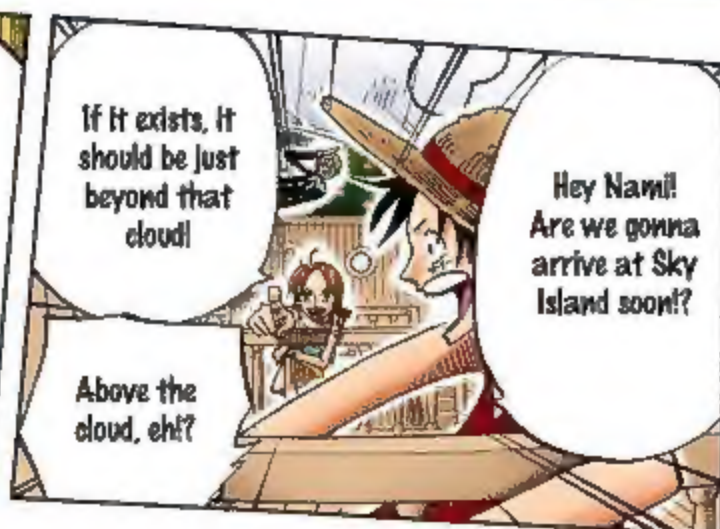
WE CAN
SAIL
ANYWHERE!

AS LONG
AS I CAN
GRASP THE
WINDS AND
THE OCEAN
CURRENTS,

I love
you!
♡



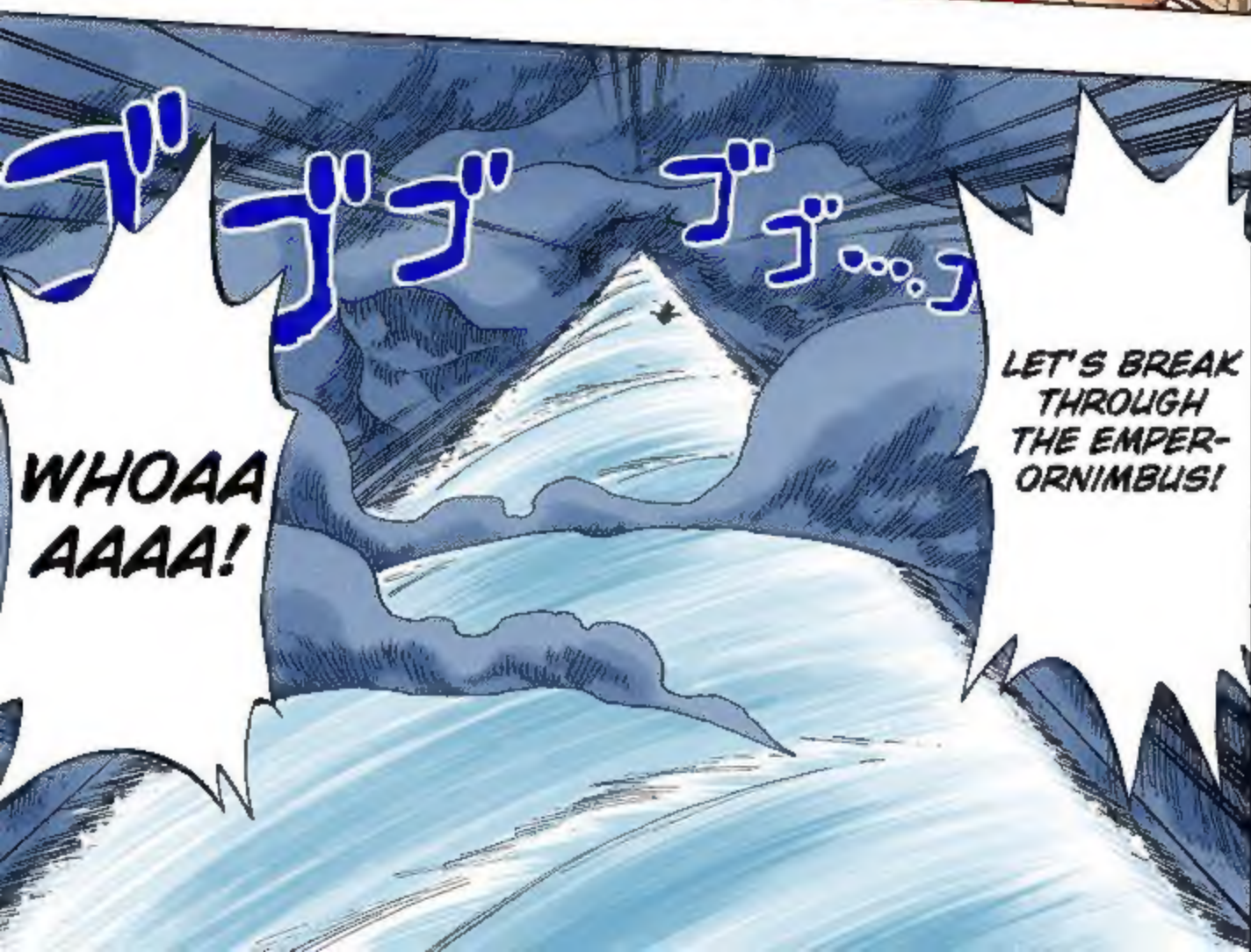
は〜っ
I wonder
what's lying
for us up
there...!?



If it exists, it
should be just
beyond that
cloud!

Above the
cloud, eh!?

Hey Nami!
Are we gonna
arrive at Sky
Island soon!?



ゴゴゴゴゴ...

WHOOA
AAAA!

LET'S BREAK
THROUGH
THE EMPE-
ORNIMBUS!